

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

Dulles' Blunder

IN some respects it is a pity that the Foreign Office has not issued a full reply to the more contentious parts of Mr Dulles' interview with the American magazine, Life. It is understandable at a time when the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden is on the eve of holding important talks with President Eisenhower that it does not wish to fog the atmosphere with what could be interpreted as an "Anglo-American rift". This may be the decent way out for Whitehall but in principle it is wrong that newspapers should be left to tell the world that Britain was not in any way associated with Mr Dulles' "massive retaliation" and "brink of war" policies. Extensive quotations from official documents and statements would add last-minute conviction to the British denial. It would also indicate disapproval, which is necessary. Sir Winston Churchill could well make some statement since he—

—and not Sir Anthony Eden—was Premier at the time. Particularly Britain's attitude to the Dienbienphu crisis needs official emphasis.

AS the New York Times says, the Life article appears to be at variance even with the official American attitude at the time of the signing of the Geneva armistice. Now the Indo-China agreement is described as a "major save for the free world" and "the outcome of a policy of boldness" by the United States. But at the time, American authorities gave it to be understood that Mr Dulles regarded the armistice as a "bad bargain" and America refused to sign it.

It would not be unfair for the Foreign Office to underline this apparent contradiction to justify the British position which was motivated purely by the desire to end a long and bitter conflict by peaceful negotiation. Abstinence from, rather than preparation for Western joint action ensured the success of the armistice talks and this should be clear to any observer of postwar international affairs.

It is suggested that Mr Dulles' statements were designed to give the Republican Party a pre-election filip by allowing the American public to infer that their was the policy that had kept the peace of the world during the term of the Eisenhower administration. The effect, however, has been to provoke widespread criticism, and among members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (now, admittedly, Democrat-controlled) charges of "distortion of history". One Democrat has asked the President whether he supports the views of his Secretary of State.

MR Eisenhower could not honestly do so—at least his interpretation of America's policies should differ. Otherwise, many would wonder why he did not align himself with extremists like McCarthy and Knowland instead of spurring their dangerous and inflammatory views—views, indeed, which Mr Dulles now comes uncomfortably close to supporting.

MALAYA INDEPENDENCE

Delegation Ready To  
State Their Case

CONFIDENT  
OF  
SUCCESS

London, Jan. 16. The Malayan delegation, here to seek immediate self-government and eventual independence, meet privately today to put into final constitutional language the proposals unanimously agreed to at home and tightened up "and finalised" on their ocean voyage to Karachi.

They had an important meeting in their hotel yesterday.

They reviewed every matter they will raise at the conference, which begins on Wednesday.

Today, Tengku Abdul Rahman, Chief Minister, will take his colleagues over the same ground again, polishing up what they regard as an irrefragable case for full control of their own affairs "by August 31, 1957," to which is added the qualification "if possible."

ADVISERS ON HAND

Giving any further advice needed today will be the ministers for economic affairs, natural resources, education and transport—Mr Oscar A. Spencer, Dr Ismail, Dato Abdul Razak and Colonel H. S. Lee.

Sir D. C. Wetherston, Chief Secretary in Kuala Lumpur, and Mr M. J. P. Hogan, former Attorney-General in Malaya, will also be there.

Mr Hogan has been closely associated with constitutional developments in Malaya.

At the request of Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary, the Government of Hongkong, where Mr Hogan is Chief Justice, has released him for service here for a few weeks.

The value of having British advisers of constitutional, financial and economic problems has been apparent to the delegation from the start.

They now know what can be done and what cannot.

RULERS PRESENT

Today's meeting will be complete with the representatives of the rulers of the nine Malay states—Raja Abdul Aziz, Dato Hajj Abdul Wahab, Dato Nik Ahmed Kamal and Dato Mohamed Seth.

Members of the governing political party say they have the support of the princely rulers and they contrast this happy position with the different situation that existed in India and Indonesia when they were advancing towards independence.

The conference will be held in private but for a speech of welcome by Mr Lennox-Boyd and a reply by Tengku Abdul Rahman.

There will be a communique every night.

The big problems before the conference will be finance and defence.

There will be uneasiness about giving Malaya control of her own internal security until there is peace in the rubber jungles and the Communist terrorists are no longer a menace.

RAHMAN'S AGE

But it is fully realised here that if Tengku Abdul Rahman goes back with a British endorsement of an independent plan in his pocket, he will be able to mobilise—as he has promised—an enthusiastic civilian campaign that will stamp out violence.

The requested Malayisation of the civil service, which is still largely under the control of the Colonial Office in London, is expected to go through quite easily.

So will the suggested appointment of a commission to make the new constitution that will obviously be necessary.

But there are doubts as to whether the commission, as official commissions work these days, could finish its task by August 31, 1957.—Reuter.

"Porgy & Bess" Romance:  
Players To Be Married  
In Moscow

Moscow, Jan. 15. The first two Americans ever to be married in the Soviet Union by a Soviet official will be wed in Moscow tomorrow morning.

The two Americans are members of the All-Negro cast of George Gershwin's folk opera, "Porgy and Bess" which is now playing in Moscow.

They are Earl Jackson, who plays the leading role of "Sporting Life" in the opera, and Helen Thimpen, who plays the role of "Serena."

A religious wedding will be celebrated on Tuesday at the Russian Baptist church in Moscow.

Following the performance of "Porgy and Bess" on Tuesday night, a huge reception will be given for the bride and groom at Moscow's chic Pragma restaurant. The members of the troupe, as well as many American diplomats, are expected to attend the reception.

The troupe of "Porgy and Bess" will also be given a reception at the Metropolitan restaurant by the Soviet Ministry of Cultural Affairs on the eve of their departure for Warsaw.—France-Press.

MP Backs  
Cypriots'  
Demands

London, Jan. 15. A Labour member of Parliament, Colonel Marcus Lipton, said here today that the claims of the people of Cyprus for self-determination "is a fundamental and emotional demand which has sooner or later to be conceded."

Colonel Lipton was speaking at a meeting called by the National Cypriot Committee on the occasion of the sixth anniversary of the national plebiscite in Cyprus.

The meeting was attended by about 400 people, including children in national costume.

After the meeting, there was a march to No 10 Downing Street, where a petition was presented calling for the "abolition of the state of emergency, the release of political prisoners and the withdrawal of British troops."

"FOOL'S PARADISE"

Colonel Lipton also told the meeting: "Anybody who believes that by spending a few millions the people of Cyprus can be bribed into dropping their demand is living in a fool's paradise."

The problem could never be solved by whipping, long prison terms or the increased use of the death penalty, Colonel Lipton added.

"Repression represents no policy at all—it represents the stupidity and bankruptcy of statesmanship."

"This country is faced with an impossible position throughout the Middle East."

"It has not a single friend there."

"Even those countries which hate each other in the Middle East have one thing in common—complete lack of confidence in the policy of the British Government."

DEPUTATION

At Downing Street, a deputation of three, Mr V. Montanaro, one of the Committee's joint secretaries; Mr Z. Chrysafides, and Mrs Helen Apostolou, who was wearing national dress, handed the resolution to an attendant.

A letter setting out the conclusions of the meeting was also being sent to Archbishop Makarios in Nicosia, asking him to continue "the struggle for freedom in Cyprus."

China Mail Special.

US BUDGET  
FORECAST

Washington, Jan. 16. The United States budget for the coming fiscal year, to be presented to Congress today, is expected to call for spending of about \$4,900,000,000 to build up European and Asian allies to resist Communism.

President Eisenhower will outline proposals for the budget, which is expected to be balanced, at about \$6,000,000,000.

Administration spokesmen have already made it clear that increases in revenue caused by America's present prosperity and during the next three years will not be enough to justify any early tax cut.

About \$3,000,000,000 will be provided for equipping, training and supporting military forces of friendly powers in 1956-57 and succeeding years.

A further \$900,000,000 will be included for economic and technical aid.—Reuter.

Novelist's  
Death

Rye, Sussex, Jan. 15. Miss Sheila Kaye-Smith, a leading British novelist, died suddenly at her home at Northiam, near Rye, yesterday, it was disclosed today.

The Tramping Methodist, published in 1909 when she was 21, marked her as a writer of potentiality.

It was the first of a long series of books, many of which had a deeply religious strain.

Miss Kaye-Smith established her place in contemporary British letters with Sussex Gorse (1916), Green Apple Harvest (1921) and Johanna Gooden (1921).

Many of her wide reading public regarded Sussex Gorse as the story of a man's struggle to become master of a certain piece of moorland, as her best work.—China Mail Special.

Rebels Are  
Routed:  
Terrorists  
Active

Algiers, Jan. 15. Sixty-six Algerian rebels were killed and 42—six of them wounded—were taken prisoner in four operations launched by security forces in the Eastern Aures mountains in the past 48 hours, it was learned tonight. A number of rebel leaders were among the dead.

In the main operation, a band of 50-odd rebels was almost completely wiped out. Security forces eventually forced the rebels, contacted yesterday morning in the Baniane region, to take refuge in caves where 43 were killed and eight others, including six wounded, were taken prisoner. Weapons, horses, ammunition, and supplies were seized. Security forces lost three men killed and nine wounded.

Fighter planes today took up the pursuit of a rebel camel caravan south of El Oued on the edge of the Sahara desert, killing 17 with machinegun fire. Ground security forces suffered six wounded.

In two other operations, four rebels were killed, 15 taken prisoner and a quantity of weapons seized.

POLICEMAN SLAIN

An Algerian policeman and a Moslem army employee were killed in terrorist attacks in the Constantine Department yesterday, it was announced tonight.

In the second case, the two attackers were shot down after a long police chase. Terrorists claimed a third victim in the death in hospital of a French hit by 10 bullets in an attack at Cherchell, west of Algiers.

In the Tizi-Ouzou sector (West Algeria), 48 terrorists and suspects were arrested yesterday, including a rebel band leader. A number of weapons and pieces of ammunition and military clothing were seized.—France-Press.

MOROCCO ACTION

Rabat, Jan. 15. Four rebels were killed in an engagement between a rebel force and security troops between Bouard and Aknou, close to the frontier with the Spanish zone of Morocco, it was announced tonight.

The engagement yesterday followed an attack by rebels upon a military convoy.

A number of other clashes during the past 24 hours were reported by security forces patrolling the region between Taza and the frontier.—France-Press.

MOROCCANS KILLED

Casablanca, Jan. 15. Four Moroccan women were killed in terrorist attacks in Casablanca today. At Oujda on the frontier with Algeria, an Algerian Moslem was killed by terrorists.

A Moroccan shopkeeper was shot down at Taza in North Morocco.—France-Press.

POUJADIST IS INDICTED

Nîmes, Jan. 15. The local Vice-President of the anti-tax movement of Pierre Poujade, G. Michard, was indicted here today for refusing to pay his taxes.

Michard had also advised other members of the anti-tax movement in Nîmes not to pay their taxes.

The Poujadists won 52 seats in the National Assembly in the January 2 general elections.—France-Press.

BEAUTY QUEEN  
ELOPES AND  
MARRIES

New York, Jan. 15. A beauty queen who was kidnapped and raped last week, and her fiancé who caught the man alleged to have assaulted her, have eloped and married. It was reported last night.

Mr and Mrs A. J. Brett, parents of the bridegroom R. Lloyd Brett, said the wedding was at Las Vegas, Nevada. The bride was 19-year-old blonde Donna, Miss California in last year's Miss Universe contest.

A man of 25, who is alleged to have twice raped Donna, is in custody after being detained by Mr Brett in a car chase.—China Mail Special.

Inoculation  
For Ganges  
Worshippers

Allahabad, Jan. 15. Health officers with hypodermic needles mingled yesterday with hundreds of thousands of worshippers who bathed in the sacred river Ganges.

The injections were to guard the throngs from disease as they congregated on the river on the Hindu holy day.

Death along the Ganges on this particular day means to many an automatic entrance to heaven. But for others bathing in the sacred Ganges each January 14 holds forth a religious hope for a better life in this world as well as in any beyond death.

From far above this city, all the way to the Bay of Bengal, hundreds of miles away, the waters of the river hold a sacred significance for Hindus. It was here, according to Hindu tradition, that a few drops of a sacred nectar spilled into the river as the gods wrestled the nectar's container from devils who had stolen it.

The waters of the Ganges thereafter have been said to hold special powers.—United Press.

SOVIET SCIENTIST'S DREAM  
DAM UP BERING STRAITS  
TO WARM UP SIBERIA  
AND N. AMERICA

Moscow, Jan. 15.

A Soviet engineer, Mr A. Markin, has appealed for international co-operation in research into a scheme to dam the 50-mile wide Bering Straits, which divide Siberia from Alaska, in an effort to warm up the frozen wastes of North America and Siberia.

Mr Markin's theory is that these great areas of eternal snow could be brought to life by using the same principle as that on which the Gulf Stream acts as a "warm radiator" for Northwestern Europe.

In an article in the magazine Novy Mir, in which he expounds his theory, he refers to the scheme as a "climate factory." In favour of it, he urges: 1. That a dam would keep icebergs and Arctic currents out of the Pacific; and 2. The dam could contain hundreds of propellers driven by atomic power, which would pump warm water from the Pacific Ocean into the Arctic Sea.

BREAK ICE GRIP

This warm current, Mr Markin argues, would break the grip of the Arctic ice over Siberia, where winter temperatures of more than 100 degrees of frost Fahrenheit (about 55 degrees below zero centigrade) are not uncommon, and Canada's far north, as well as help to soften the climate of northeast Europe.

At the same time, he adds, warm southern currents from the Pacific Ocean would be able to act unchecked on the eastern shores of the Soviet Far East, and the northwest coast of America.

MINOR FEATURE

As a more or less "minor" feature of the scheme, the dam would serve as a link in a gigantic "rail highway" linking London and Washington via Paris, Berlin, Warsaw, Moscow and Irkutsk (in East Siberia).

Another advantage, to the Soviet Union, Mr Markin says, would be that her Arctic coast line, extending thousands of miles from the White Sea to the Bering Straits, would be navigable all the year round.

This, with the improvement in climate, would give an added boost to the development of Siberia, which Mr Markin describes as "this industrial and agricultural colossus."—Reuter.

Alleged  
"Bluebeard"  
For Trial

Warsaw, Jan. 15.

One of the biggest criminal cases of recent years in Poland will shortly come up for trial, following the discovery of two women's bodies under the garage of an alleged Polish "Bluebeard", already accused of three murders and two attempted murders.

The two women's bodies were found under the floorboards of a garage belonging to Vladislav Mazurkiewicz, a former employee of the National Printing Office at Cracow.

Mazurkiewicz, who was aged about 40, was regarded as a great Don Juan. He left his printing job in 1942 to begin a new career as a speculator and at one time was a member of the Repatriation Mission of the Polish Red Cross.—France-Press.

Argentine Floods

Buenos Aires, Jan. 15.

Three thousand people were forced to leave their flooded homes in San Fernando suburb of Buenos Aires after torrential rains had hit many parts of Argentina today. Telephone and telegraph lines were broken in many parts. In Chaco Province in North Argentina, two young children were drowned in the floods.—France-Press.

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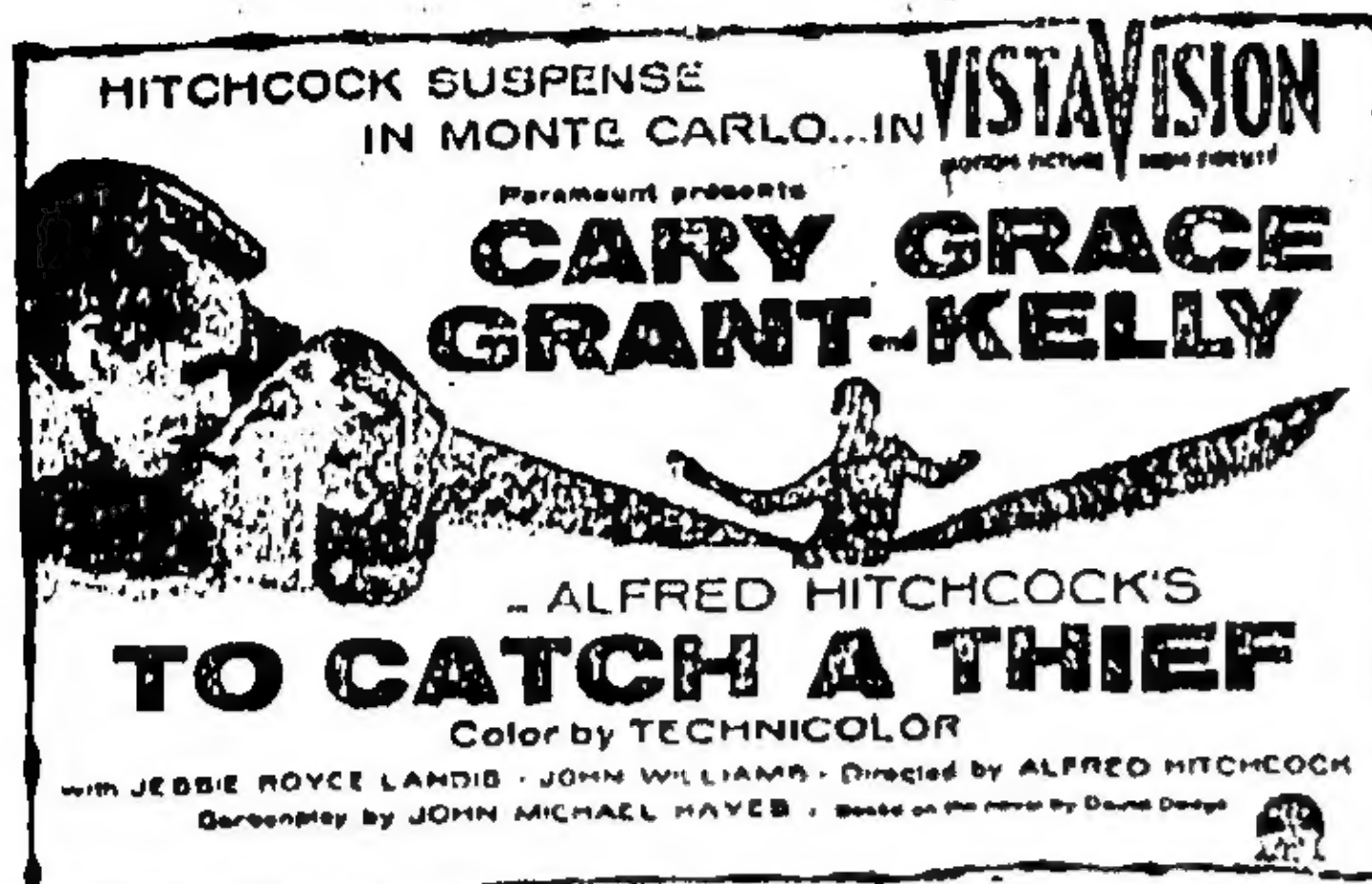
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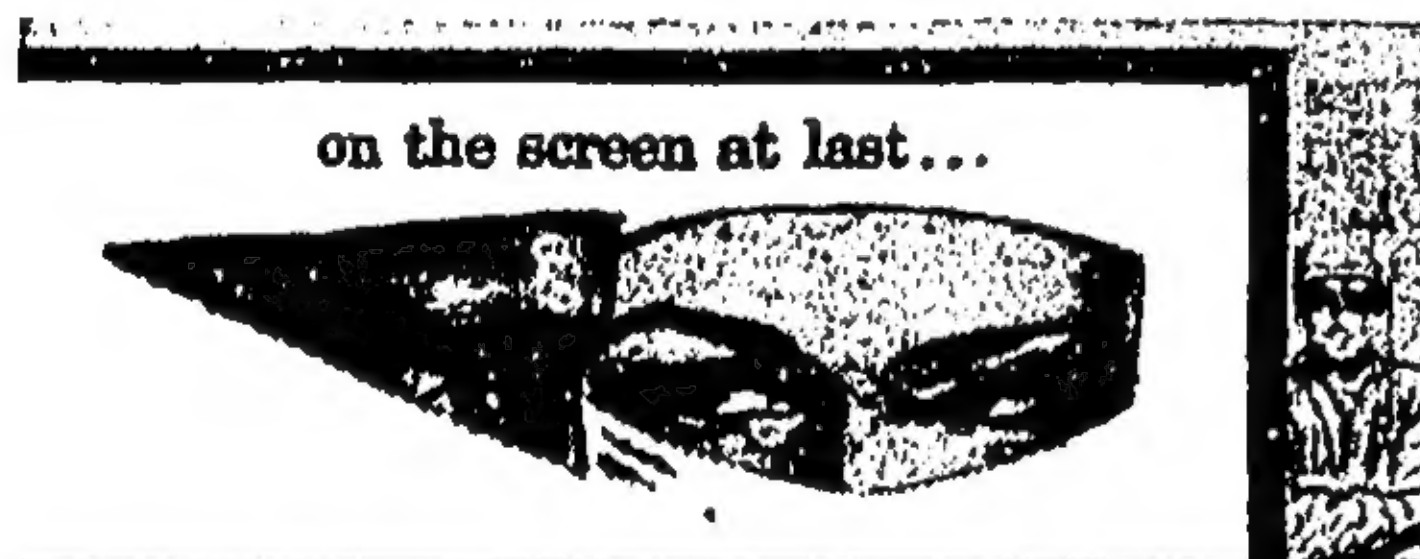
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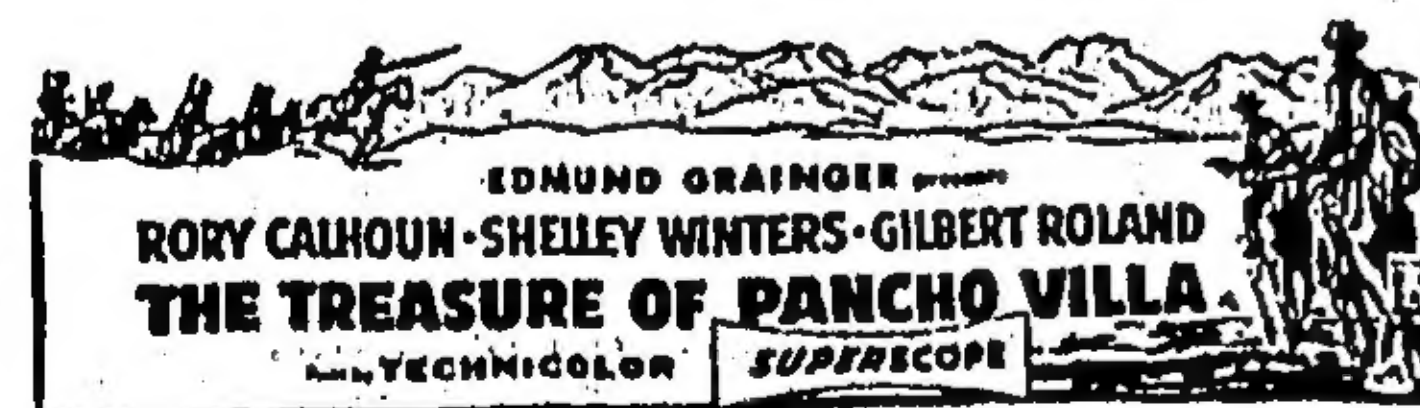
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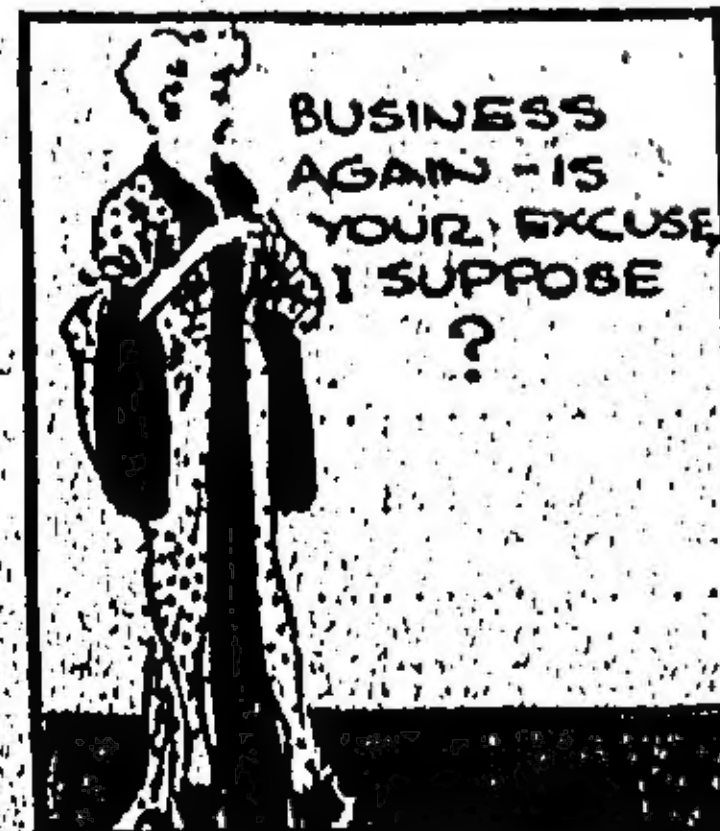
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RUSSO-JAPANESE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS  
RESUMPTION POSSIBLEBut Territorial And  
Economic Questions  
Cannot Be Linked

By Herry Shapiro

Moscow, Jan. 15.

The Soviet Union is prepared to establish diplomatic relations with Japan on a few days notice if the Japanese are willing to give up their previous insistence on linking territorial and economic questions in the Russo-Japanese peace treaty talks in London.

This was confirmed by Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Communist Party Secretary Nikita Khrushchev in conversations with a Japanese Parliamentary delegation in the Kremlin last September 21.

No official or private utterance of press comment in Moscow since September gave any indication of a Russian retreat from the basic position, which can be summed up as follows: End the state of war between the two countries, exchange ambassadors, and then negotiate territorial and economic problems on a mutual basis.

## Exact Reverse

This order of priority is, of course, the exact reverse of the Japanese Government's position, and unless Tokyo is willing to abandon its previously advanced conditions the new London talks probably will be fruitless.

However, the Kremlin has made one concession—an agreement to release Japanese war

criminals simultaneously with the resumption of diplomatic relations, as was done in the case of West Germany.

Mr Khrushchev promised the Japanese parliamentarians that Russia would cede Habonims and Shikotan islands, but only after formal termination of the state of hostilities.

In his customary direct, if not blunt, manner, Mr Khrushchev stated the Soviet position unmistakably.

## So Elementary

"The question of terminating the state of war and establishment of diplomatic relations is the main question our States must decide. It is the starting point of our relations."

"This seems to us so elementary that we are somewhat surprised that the negotiations in London on this question have been so dragged out. We are under the impression that the Japanese side does not display particular interest in normalizing relations between the Soviet Union and that Japan therefore, ... protracting the talks."

Mr Khrushchev also reminded the Japanese delegation that the Soviet Union won the war and made it a question of principle and prestige as well as national honour in refusing to consider Japanese territorial and economic demands at this stage.

He said it sounded like an ultimatum to him.

## Made It Clear

(The late Josef Stalin also raised the question of national pride at the end of World War II, when he recalled the Russo-Japanese war and the humiliations for Russia of the Portsmouth Treaty.)

Moscow has made it clear that it will look favourably upon Japan's need for fishing concessions in Soviet territorial waters, and will welcome a mutually advantageous trade agreement, but that the question of southern Sakhalin and the Kurile Islands is not negotiable under any circumstances.—United Press.

HONGKONG BOAC  
GIRLS IN UK

London, Jan. 15.  
Eight Chinese girls from Hongkong to join five girls from Japan already training to be BOAC stewardesses.

They arrived in colourful Chinese dresses similar to the one they are to wear on duty. Miss Rosa Wu, 21, said: "At home I nearly always wear Western clothes, so I had to make three dresses for this journey."—France-Press.

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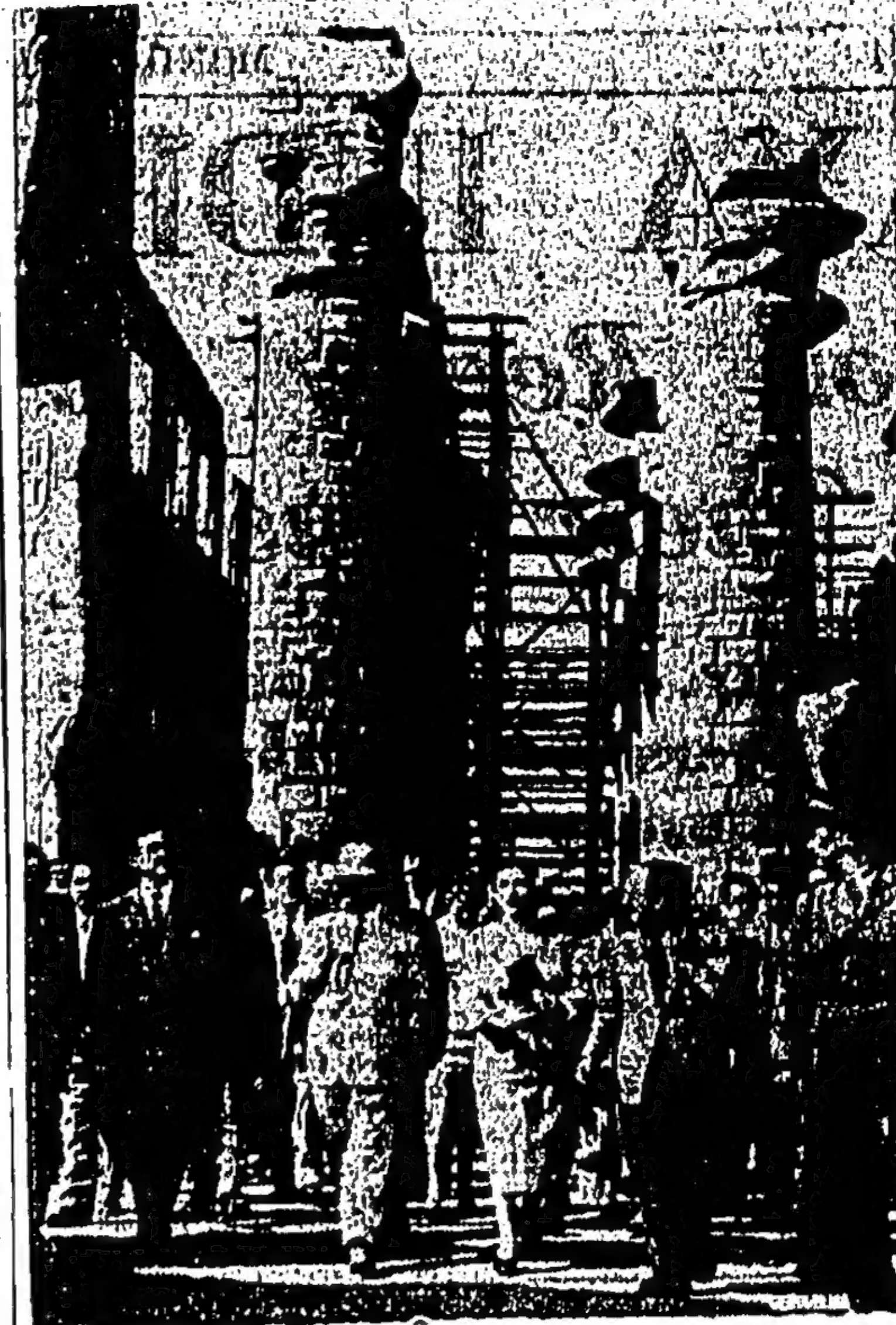
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Tito Visits  
Antiquities

Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia and his wife, accompanied by the Egyptian Minister of Social Affairs and Labour, recently paid a visit to the antiquities of Upper Egypt. The Marshal and his wife are pictured with members of the Egyptian Mission during a visit to the Temple of Karnak.—Express Photo.

Spring Nuclear  
Tests Criticised  
In Washington

Washington, Jan. 15.

The politically independent and widely-quoted Washington Post took a critical view today of the announcement that a new series of US nuclear weapons tests will be held this spring in the Pacific.

"Fears about the cumulative effects of radioactivity from such tests have by no means been dispelled," the Post said in its leading editorial.

"The Indians and others have long proposed a ban on new tests, and recently the Russian leaders voiced willingness to enter into an agreement on this point. The effect of the blunt American refusal, along with the announcement of new test plans, is to make it look as if the United States is flouting atom power."

The paper expressed confidence that this is not the Administration's intention. It noted the official explanation that the main purpose of the new tests will be to obtain information for defence against nuclear attack.

## Rule Out

It cited contentions that further tests are needed to enable the United States to keep abreast in weapons development, and that Britain would reject a ban until it has tested its own hydrogen weapon.

"These are unquestionably important considerations," the Post continued, "but are they compelling enough to rule out all thought of a ban on tests of large weapons, or of an effort to internationalize them?"

Then noting that scientists are divided over the question whether the thermo-nuclear tests are necessary for developmental purposes, the paper said:

"When both Russia and the United States already have weapons sufficient to destroy each other, it is questionable how much net advantage is gained by additional tests. If the British are unwilling to enter into a test ban this is something they

## Decent Respect

ought to say for themselves. A more sensible policy of sharing information undoubtedly would obviate many of their objections."

Declaring that America's position in the eyes of other people is at stake in the new tests, the Post concluded that "a more complete explanation is the very least that is required by what the Declaration of Independence called a decent respect for the opinion of mankind."

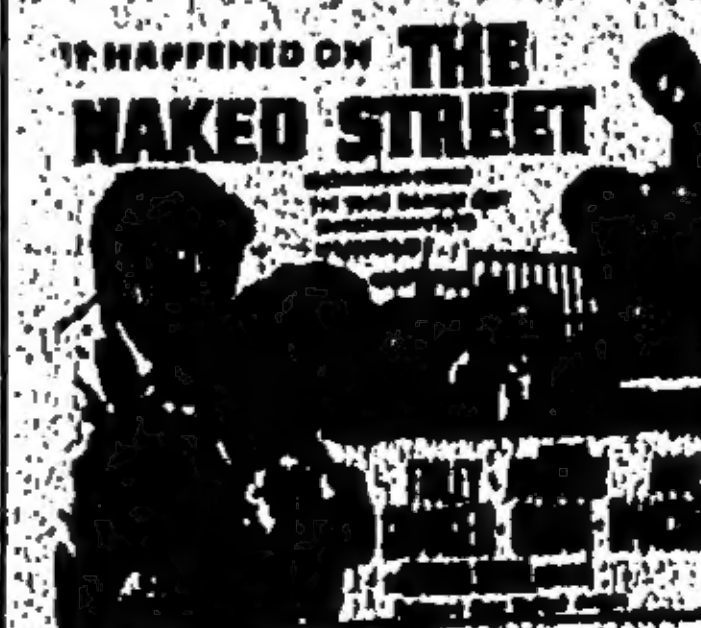
The Washington Sunday Star, which is also politically independent, and editorially that the coming tests are "essential."

The Star said there is no effective international agreement to limit or control armaments, "nor is such an agreement likely to be worked out for a long time to come, if ever."

The editorial said Russia has persistently blocked every effort to set up an effective policing system against nuclear weapons.—United Press.

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# US Moves To Offset Russian

Respects To  
Emperor

## Reds Release 'Serious War Criminals'

Bonn, Jan. 15.  
THE 436 "serious war criminals" released by the Soviet Union yesterday were registered and prepared for release at the West German border police barracks at Muenchen today.

Government officials did not say whether any of the men had been allowed to leave for their homes. The releases were part of the 9,020 the Soviets are releasing from prison camps but receive special handling because of their conviction by Communist war crimes courts. Among the most being processed here were two former Nazi SS sergeants who allegedly held key posts at concentration camps.

**'Iron Gustav'**  
"Iron Gustav" is not, fairly, former Reichsmarschall who was a friend in the infamous Saatenhausen camp for four years, was convicted by an East German court after the war for crimes against humanity. East German Deputy Premier Otto Nuschke charged him with doing away with 18,000 Russians.

Since today denied the charges and said his tenure at the camp ended in 1942 and he had nothing to do with atrocities committed there later. He said during his time at Saatenhausen he had "only carried out orders." "Personal Secretary" of the late Reichsmarschall, Schuler, was a book leader in Saatenhausen. He said today he does not know where his god such as he because the only book he had was a Bible. He was also sentenced at the Saatenhausen camp trial in 1947. —United Press.

## 'GHOST SWORD' FOUND IN PAINTING

Stockholm, Jan. 16.  
Another "ghost sword" has been brought to light in Rembrandt's famous painting "Claudius Civilis" by a new X-ray method in use at the National Gallery here.  
Previously, the painting, which shows a group of armed conspirators plotting allegiance to Claudius Civilis, showed one sword too many for the number of men.  
The new X-ray method has discovered a second "ghost" sword and revealed numerous alterations made by Rembrandt while painting the canvas. —China Mail Special.

## Wooing Of Yugoslavia

By William Galbraith

Washington, Jan. 15.

The United States has opened a new round of talks here with Yugoslavia to discuss the possibility of helping Marshal Tito's Communist Government develop atoms-for-peace projects, it was learned today.

The talks are part of a vigorous tug-of-war between Russia and the United States to woo the Balkan Power. Russia already has promised to help Yugoslavia build an atomic reactor and provide fissionable fuel for it. A formal Russo-Yugoslav agreement is expected to be signed shortly.

Other nations build research reactors, provide fissionable fuel to run the reactor and train foreign students in nuclear science.

The United States and Russia may be especially interested in establishing working arrangements with Yugoslavia because the independent Balkan Power claims to have important uranium deposits. Naturally, the United States and Russia want to keep those deposits out of each other's hands.

Officials said Yugoslavia has been feeling out many nations on the possibility of getting atomic help.

### Adjourned

Talks in the Yugoslav capital were adjourned in December for the sake of future discussions. The talks were adjourned when the American atomic reactor was available.

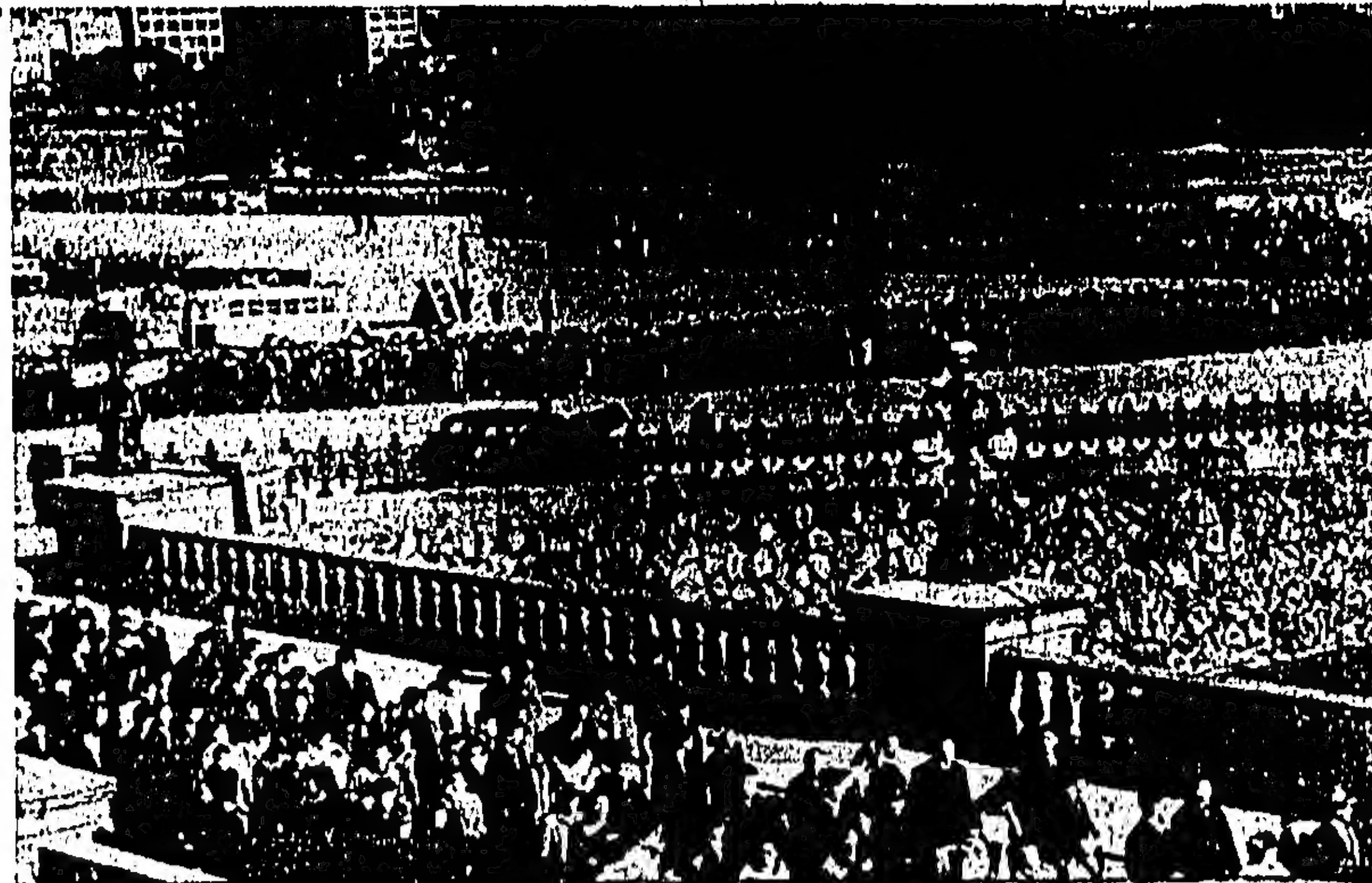
The first meeting was held in a friendly atmosphere. Mr. Eisenhower met with five of his top advisers to discuss plans for carrying out the atoms-for-peace program. The US-Yugoslav session was an exploratory meeting to determine how future talks should be handled.

American officials expect the discussions eventually to lead to a US-Yugoslav agreement similar to 24 already negotiated with other countries. What makes this case special is that it would be the first such agreement worked out with a Communist nation.

### Help Others

On Jan. 15, the fact that Yugoslavia is a Communist does not mean any special legal obstacles. The law allows the United States to negotiate agreements to help any friendly nation that agrees to certain conditions. Yugoslavia is considered friendly to the United States despite her warmer relations with Russia in the past year.

Under the agreements, the United States agrees to help



More than 200,000 persons passed through the gateways of the Imperial Palace in Tokyo on the second day of the New Year, as the public came to pay its New Year respects to the Emperor and Empress. The New Year is one of the rare occasions when the public is allowed into the grounds of the Palace. Bridge in foreground is one of the two that make up the famous "Nishiki Bridge" ("Double Bridge") that crosses the moat of the high-walled palace. In background can be seen some of the skyscrapers of Tokyo. —Express Photo.

## Report On Government Measures To Restrict The Press

Zurich, Jan. 16.

An organization of leading world editors today reported on methods ranging from subtle laws to direct intimidation by which governments in many countries are trying to muzzle the freedom of newspapers.

The report by the International Press Institute, finds that press freedom has been on the decline since the end of the Second World War.

It records examples of arbitrary arrests of journalists, violence against them and government induced mob attacks on newspaper plants. Saying that rulers are tending to abuse their power in some countries which have only recently gained independence or thrown off dictatorships, the report adds:

### South Africa

"What is more serious is the emergence of new forms of government pressures in countries which are democratic by tradition and which have a long history of freedom and of parliamentary life.

"Such is the case in the Union of South Africa and to a lesser degree even in Australia and France. These pressures are all the more disquieting because of their insidious nature."

The 130-page survey, entitled "Government Pressures on the Press," is based on 72 reports by experienced journalists, some of whom travelled over Latin America, Southeast Asia and Western Europe to make investigations on the spot.

It lists the following as "the heaviest blows" dealt to the freedom of the press during the postwar period:  
"The expropriation of La Prensa in Buenos Aires and the muzzling of the entire press of the Argentine under Peron.  
The banning of El Tiempo in Bogota in 1955.

### Fascist Measures

The imprisonment of some 20 Turkish journalists by virtue of some highly dubious legislation adopted in 1954.

The arbitrary arrest or the detention on suspicion of journalists in Germany, France, the Netherlands, Brazil, Chile, Indonesia, Pakistan and elsewhere.

The abuse of the campaign against corruptive writings in Australia.  
The deliberate use of intimidation in South Africa and elsewhere.

In its conclusions the survey states: "Nothing can be more important for the safeguarding of democratic freedoms and the freedom of the press in particular than a watchful public opinion."

### Cornerstone

"Silence or indifference is the greatest danger. This has been seen in the Union of South Africa where the ostracizing of the English language press by government circles produced hardly any reaction from the general public."

Stressing that the freedom of the press is "the cornerstone of all freedom," it said: "It is for the press itself to fashion its own future. It alone can apply the brakes to pressures it is subjected on the part of public authorities on

## Indonesian-Japanese Reparations Talks

### PROSPECTS NOW BRIGHT

Tokyo, Jan. 15.

Prospects have become bright for formal reparations negotiations between Japan and Indonesia to start about April, a leading Japanese newspaper said today.

The Nihon Keizai, which specializes in economic and financial matters, claimed in a front-page article that Indonesia had made informally a two-point formula for solving the long deadlocked issue of Japanese World War II reparations to the Southeast Asian Republic.

The formula, according to the newspaper, constitutes Indonesia's basic demands that first, the total of Japanese reparations to Indonesia be at least equal to that claimed by the Philippines against Japan, and secondly that Indonesia's trade debt to Japan be settled together with the reparations issue.

### Formal Talks

The Indonesian Government, the paper said, wanted mostly capital goods from Japan for use in her five-year economic program. It is not enthusiastic about joint development projects through economic co-operation, the article said.

The paper based its belief that formal reparations talks would begin about April on the assumption that the political situation in Indonesia would be stabilized then following the recent general elections. —United Press.

### Mussolini's Son Jazz

### Son Jazz

### Pianist

Rome, Jan. 15.

ROMANO Mussolini, 28, bashful younger son of the late dictator, is to play the piano in a jazz sextet at the January 28-29 San Remo International Jazz Festival, friends of the family said today.

Friends said Mussolini was persuaded to show his talent to the public by Nunzio Rotondo, king of Roman jazz addicts. Rotondo, a trombone player, is leader of the sextet.

Mussolini first turned to music in 1945 when the whole Mussolini family was clamped in concentration camp. He started with the harmonica, switched to the guitar and finally took up the piano.

### Top Pianist

Mr. Chaplin showed reporters at the airport a thick leather brief-case containing the scenario and music for his next film.  
Mr. Chaplin said he came to England to discuss plans for producing the film, which will be his first since he left the United States in 1952.  
Mrs. Oona Chaplin, daughter of the late American playwright, Eugene O'Neill, will join her husband in London tomorrow. —France-Press.

Rotondo reared Mussolini as one of Italy's top jazz pianists. Romano Mussolini cannot read music, but shows great natural talent, his friends claimed. They said he inherited the talent from his father, who played the violin. Romano has had a song published and has made jazz recordings under the name of "Gomah Full." It is the same name that will appear on the San Remo programme, United Press.



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## A British Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 3 Freed from blame (8).
  - 8 Ring (4).
  - 9 Deed (8).
  - 11 Calls together (8).
  - 13 Snakes (4).
  - 15 NCO (5).
  - 18 Bulldozer (8).
  - 19 Transaction (4).
  - 21 Softened (8).
  - 25 Suggestion (8).
  - 26 Chaste (4).
  - 27 Disagrees (8).

- DOWN**
- 1 Smart (4).
  - 2 Grain (4).
  - 3 Blessing (4).
  - 5 Responsibility (4).
  - 6 Changes course (5).
  - 7 Appointments (5).
  - 8 Storehouse (5).
  - 10 Tree (5).
  - 12 Scandalous air (5).
  - 14 Little (5).
  - 16 Garments (5).
  - 17 Flat (5).
  - 19 Deceived (5).
  - 20 Confesses (5).
  - 21 Got up (4).
  - 22 Final (4).
  - 23 Accurate (4).
  - 24 Profound (4).

**SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1 Rococo, 4 Abuse, 7 Evidence, 8 Niece, 9 Smudge, 11 Resumed, 13 Deludes, 15 Franco, 18 Mokes, 19 Prepares, 20 Loyal, 21 Steady. Down: 1 Reels, 2 Eased, 3 Sincere, 4 Amends, 5 Alderman, 6 Extend, 10 Unlikely, 12 Esteems, 13 Damsel, 14 Dispel, 16 Abuse, 17 Easy.

## 'ARABS FALL FOR RED IDEA'

New York, Jan. 15.  
Mr. George V. Allen, Assistant US Secretary of State, said today that he believed that the Arabs in the Middle East have "fallen for the idea" that the Soviet Union would support them in any struggle with Israel.

Mr. Allen, in charge of Near Eastern, South Asian and African affairs, spoke on a television programme.

He said the Arab attitude resulted from Soviet propaganda efforts, but expressed confidence that the United States could successfully overcome the attitude. —New York.

## Egyptians Violate Frontier Allegation

Tel-Aviv, Jan. 15.

Egyptian forces twice violated the Egypt-Israel frontier on Saturday, an Israeli army spokesman claimed tonight.

The spokesman said that ten Egyptian soldiers crossed into Israeli territory in the Nizana-Eli Awa sector and opened fire on an Israeli patrol before withdrawing into Egyptian territory.

The same day an Egyptian post in the Gaza strip region opened fire on an Israeli patrol near Beer in the Gaza strip frontier region. There was no Israeli loss in either incident.

In Jerusalem, the Israeli Cabinet decided to enact a law restricting the departure from the country of able-bodied men and women subject to military service requirements.

The law, which forms part of the emergency regulations, also applied to men and women on the reserve within the combatant age group and will remain in force for one year. —France-Press.



# TIME STANDS STILL IN BRITISH GUIANA

By William Fish

DESPITE the millions taken from the sugar and bauxite industries, and poured into the country from outside sources, British Guiana is shockingly under-developed. In this British colony of 83,000 square miles, there are only 220 miles of main roads. More than 150 miles consist of burnt earth tracks that make every journey a bone-shaking nightmare.

Because of slow, inconsistent ferries at three points, it is impossible to travel from one end of the road to the other in a single day.

Road transport is slow and expensive as a result, and the railways are a joke that no longer brings a laugh.

## Bad Start

A £10 million development programme got off to a bad start because salaries offered were not enough to attract expatriates from overseas. Of £24,700,000 set aside for last year, only £1,880,000 was spent. Ninety-five percent of the population live on the coastal plain, which varies in width from four to 20 miles.

The plain is six feet below sea level. Expensive sea walls must be maintained, and the land pumped continuously to keep out the Atlantic on the one side and river flood waters on the other.

The coast road runs through country that is permanently under water in many places. Houses are raised on 10ft stilts, and the humid atmosphere seems to have slowed down the pace of existence to a point where the inhabitants lose all enterprise.

## Undeveloped

DURING a 300-mile journey to the southern border and back, I saw some startling examples of how time has stood still in British Guiana. At Victoria village I was shown the first dirt road built 100 years ago. It is still a dirt road.

Scarcely that provide 45 percent of the colony's revenue,

and directly or indirectly support 80 percent of the population, are situated on the plain. Sugar companies are undertaking a programme of rehabilitation and improvement that is to cost over £25 million. The greatest social development in the colony are taking place on the estates. Employers provide free medical attention for workers and their families, and clubs and sports grounds. Revenue from sugar has been used to finance a fund from which sugar workers may take interest-free loans to build homes on land leased by their companies.

Behind the plain lie swamps, running to mountains and savannah land.

In the upland areas hundreds of tributaries run through the highland country. Essequibo and Courantyne rivers, like veins on the surface of a leaf.

Four-fifths of British Guiana are covered by forest, and the roadless interior is unknown, undeveloped territory.

Attempts to grow cocoa, bananas and rubber up-country have ended in failure. The soil is poor and river transport so expensive the products are priced out of world markets.

## Bauxite Mines

THE only large-scale employers up-country are the bauxite mines. I travelled six hours up the Demerara River to reach the largest mine, owned by the Demerara Bauxite Company, at Mackenzie.

Despite the remoteness of the mining area, the company has built a modern township for its 2,000 employees, complete with shops, cinema and clubs.

Bauxite workers are the most highly paid in the country. They receive non-contributory pensions and subsidised health services. Last year the company spent over a quarter of a million pounds on amenities for employees.

British Guiana is the world's second largest producer of bauxite, and the industry contributes nearly £5 million in export production annually.

Grim though the present is for British Guiana, the future is grimmer. A new, educated generation is growing up for whom there is no work.

The population is growing faster than ever before, and the housing position is becoming steadily worse, despite the fact that government loans are readily available for home builders. Many young Guianese are reluctant to enter the sugar industry, even when work can be found for them. They show even less willingness to become rice growers like their parents. South of the Berbice River, the rising generation can be seen on any roadside idling away the hours. Even other areas they drift to Georgetown, where they sell imported goods to each other at 15 percent profit.

## Far From Lovely

EASY-GOING Georgetown, a wide, tree-lined street, has a population of 140,000. Yet industry is not expanding, and 32 percent of industrial workers are employed by factories having less than 14 on the payroll.

The greatest threat to British Guiana is that the colony will be forced out of world markets by spiralling costs. Frequently it is cheaper to import goods than manufacture them on the spot, and the position is aggravated by a Guianese attitude that it is a privilege for overseas companies to invest here.

Officialdom readily admits that things are far from lovely in the garden city of Georgetown and the colony of which it is capital. But Colonial officers and their locally recruited helpers are less sure how to go about putting them right.

## Bitterness

IF they attempt too much—housing schemes, irrigation schemes, credit corporations for farmers are all on the books—they stand in danger of failure because of lack of men, or money, or both.

They dare not attempt too little because British Guiana's problems grow annually with the rapidly expanding population.

In an atmosphere of bitterness and distrust, British Guiana must solve problems that governments have ignored for 50 years.



# EITHER A GENIUS OR A MADMAN...

By LES ARMOUR

troubles. "Modern physics, with its theme of disintegration, has shown me the way to mysticism. I have learned the true meaning of religion from the hydrogen bomb."

Is it just another Dali stunt? The art critics think not. Current Dali—with its starkly real figures, standing out of chaotic backgrounds—is good enough to bring crowds into any art gallery.

It is hard to avoid the conviction that Dali has captured a spirit triumphing over a primordial matter, strengthened and sharpened rather than beaten by chaos.

which ended his scholastic career. The distinction is one which is probably very real to Dali, if a little obscure to the rest of the world.

By 1927, he was in Paris, then in the grips of surrealism. He and Picasso became fast friends. In 1929, he and Luis Bunel made the first surrealist film, "Chien Andalou."

Two years later, he had another go at making a surrealist film ("L'Age d'Or"), then headed for New York where he held an exhibition. In 1935, he wrote his autobiography (having reached the ripe age of 31) called "The

In New York, he greeted reporters with a loaf of bread strapped to his head. When a Fifth Avenue department store had the temerity to alter one of his displays he crashed through a plate glass window to put it right again.

His pictures are as fantastic as his stunts. The most famous painting of his "Surrealistic" period, "The Persistence of Memory" featured the melting watches by which he is identified in millions of minds. Grand pianos, ants, keys, chests of drawers and ruins litter his canvases in eye-biting anarchy. If they look nightmare, it is because they are supposed to. He calls that phase his "Freudian period"—the period when he tried to bring his subconscious to the surface and put it on canvas.

THE late Lord Berbers summed up his paintings neatly in a little poem for Horizon which included this verse:

"On the pale yellow sands  
sheds a pair of clasped hands  
and a high pole entangled  
with string . . .  
and a bicycle seat  
and a plate of raw meat,  
and a thing that is hardly  
a thing."

The publicity stunts are still with us. In 1954, Dali staged an elaborate "rebirth" in which he hired a palace in Rome and crawled out of a vast white egg labelled "the antithesis of the hydrogen bomb."

Only the egg didn't look like an egg. It was a perfect cube. Dali explained: "The Spanish mystic egg should be a perfect cube. He didn't cite any authorities for his assertion. For him, Dali is authority enough."

I have inherited my spirituality from Vermeer. What more authority does he need? But despite the publicity which goes on as usual, something new has been added to Dali's work.

The chaotic figures are still there. But the people—his Madonna, his Christ, are real

and gems of classical draughtsmanship. Most of them would do credit to the "old masters," who Dali and his friends once claimed to have superceded.

THERE is still a touch of madness in his art and, indeed, it has been suggested that Dali is mad.

"Once, when he was crossing the Atlantic, a woman asked why he had clipped his moustache. He explained, in a deadly earnest, that it was so he could live quietly. 'When it is long, it captures the cosmic radiations and gives me inspiration and creations.' Leonardo," he says, claimed the same for his eyebrows.

But Dali maintains he is not mad. "The difference between me and a madman is that I am not mad. I can distinguish dreams from reality. I am a genius."

The other great genius alive, he says, is Picasso. "He is much richer, but he is a Communist." Dali explains with Dali logic. Both of them have been expelled from the official "surrealist" movement.

BESIDE painting, Dali designs furniture, stage sets, glass, fabrics, and dresses. He has worked out the scenarios and decor of three ballets. Three years ago, he staged a "surrealist" bullfight in Spain.

Does this slight, dark, restless man—shy, retiring, mild-mannered when he is not engaged in some stunt—hold the clue to mankind's madness? Can he make something of a threat to humanity to which no one else has been able to find any redeeming aspect?

Maybe and maybe not.

But there is no doubt that the world would be a much duller place without him.

Every now and then a man's name finds its way into the dictionaries to become an everyday adjective describing the attributes that made him famous. Such a word is "Churchillian." Another is "Dali-esque," descriptive of the nightmare world of Salvador Dali's early canvases. It can be used, too, to describe excessive posing. But is that strictly fair? Or is Dali an earnest quester after the basic truths? Now that he has claimed to have found the true meaning of religion, the character of the man deserves to be looked at closely.

BACK in 1937, a young man arrived in London to give a public lecture on modern art. Londoners yawned. The few who turned up came mostly because they couldn't think of anything else to do.

They were electrified. The young man turned up dressed in a diving suit, leading two Russian wolf-hounds on a leash. In the diving suit he had tucked a jewelled dagger. In one hand, he held a billiard cue. The next day, his wife paraded through Trafalgar Square, her face hidden by a mask of roses.

In the next three weeks, the young man sold £3,000 worth of paintings.

Salvador Dali had arrived. The Western world has never since been able to forget him for long. Now, he says, he has found an answer to the world's

But Dali has come a long road to get to his present insight.

Born in Figueras, near Barcelona, on May 11, 1904, he was the son of a notary. His father wanted him to become a notary. Los Dali said he would rather be famous, and went off to the Madrid School of Fine Arts.

He has stuck to the view ever since.

The same year he married Gala Eluard, ex-wife of French Communist poet Paul Eluard. After his London appearance of 1937, he used the same technique regularly—and he's never been out of the headlines for long.

He drinks his champagne tepid, keeps his telephone in crushed ice. Once he bought himself a car with a specially designed roof which sprayed rain continuously with a gentle rain. Another time he spent the night in a silk-lined coffin decked with arum lilies—"for inspiration."

## LEONARD MOSLEY'S HOLLYWOOD SPOTLIGHT

# Wayward Hayward & Magnani The Tigress

THE two stars with the most concentrated personality I know are Susan Hayward and Anna Magnani. I have recently been in contact with both of them. I am bruised but happy from the encounters.

By this time you will have gathered that Susan Hayward is not only a star and an actress but something of a spit-fire, too. She called me up and asked me to go with her for a private view of her film, "I'll Cry Tomorrow," because she knows I am one of her fervent admirers—a permanent fan in love with her tomboy looks and wildest spirit.

AND you would never have guessed, as she came in, that only a few months ago she was lying in a Beverly Hills hospital while doctors fought to bring her out of a coma and save her from an overdose of drugs.

Her green eyes sparkled and her red hair gleamed. "I want you to come and share what editorial writers call a turning point in my career," she said. "The making of the film 'I'll Cry Tomorrow,' a sort of 'Lost Weekend'—almost cost Susan Hayward her life. In the middle of it—with private domestic troubles on her mind too—she went home and ended up unconscious in hospital. And seeing it with her I realise why."

Never before has a woman had to portray so clinically what it is like to be alcoholic—and never before has a performance been so shudderingly effective as Susan gives here.

She looks and sounds like a drunk. She suffers so badly while trying to take a cure that it is painful to watch.

AND you can guess by looking at this film just when it was that her own private tension reached breaking point. There is a scene where she has just left her mother after an hysterical row and her craving for drink has reached such a pitch she has either got to buy herself a bottle or kill herself. So she takes a room in a sky-scraper hotel, intending to up-throw herself through the win-

dow—and only a fortuitous fainting fit saves her. It is an explosive moment and it is so real you feel it is actually happening. It is a performance which could only have been given by a girl who was a bundle of pent-up nerves herself.

Yet such is the change in Susan Hayward's life that she can watch it calmly and even joke about it. "Just shows what Mother's Ruin can do to a girl," she whispered to me.

And she so, rather impatiently through the harrowing scenes that followed and waited for the sequences she likes best in the film—where she dances and for the first time in her career actually sings.

It is a relief to see her looking so beautiful and peaceful by after those drunk scenes where her hair is matted, her face greasy and you can hardly see her eyes for the piteous undercurrent.

It was good when the lights went up to turn to her and see that healthy glow on her face once more and to know that with this tremendous performance in this powerful film she has turned the corner and her private as well as professional life.

What a red-blooded star she is! And what an actress!

BUT no matter what you have been reading in the newspapers lately, Miss Hayward is as menus as handy with her fists as Anna Magnani from Italy.

Signorina Magnani has been here to star in the film version of Tennessee Williams's play "Rose Tattoo" and Hollywood has not recovered yet.

"In Rome they call Anna the 'Tigress of the Tiber' and it is an appropriate nickname. She went through the film colony with tooth and claw, and around Paramount Studios, where she was working, there are plenty of people still ruefully fingering their scars."

One of them, actress Virginia Grey, who plays a small role in "Rose Tattoo" has just come out of hospital. She is still recuperating from three broken ribs which Anna gave her in the big fight scene which ends the film.

Said Virginia: "Of course she didn't mean to smash me. But that's the sort of woman she is—a sort of human

hurricane. When she hits you, something breaks. "The script says fight," she screamed at me, "so we fight." Upon which she sprang on me. I woke up in hospital feeling as if I'd been mauled by a wild animal. And not to put too fine a point on it, I guess I had."

To a certain extent Magnani's bloodthirsty behaviour is "Rose Tattoo" her way of taking it out of Hollywood for tempting her into leaving her beloved Italy. She hated every moment of her stay in the film colony and didn't care who knew it.

SHE would arrive at one of the big restaurants like the Brown Derby, Romanoff's or Larue's, accompanied by a body-guard of five Italian men, and proceed to say what she thought of Hollywood at the top of her voice. She chopped the place to pieces with her limb never used the same way twice.

"How can an Italian girl bear to live in this barbarous ashen?" was one of her lines. Her biggest row happened in Paramount's make-up department when they tried to enslave the ampie Magnani figure in giraffe and bra, and paint and powder her face. "Don't worry, Miss Magnani," said the unwary make-up man, "we will soon pretty you up."

She proceeded to pretty him up instead with a bowl of cream and a pot of powder, shouting: "Keep this tripe away. What are you trying to do, murder the real Magnani?"

She thereupon swept on to the set and sailed through the film with nary a dab of powder or spot of paint—and her amplitude unconfined.

BY the time "Rose Tattoo" was finished half of Hollywood was demonstrating Magnani bruises.

"When the name Magnani is mentioned nowadays," says Miss Grey, feeling her ribs, "I have an immediate reflex action. I duck."

Other people duck when they see Miss Hayward swinging. But the men who rule Hollywood don't. They have begun to realise that no matter how wayward is Hayward or how tigerish is Magnani, these are the personalities who create the queues and keep the box office clicking.

# LABORATORY AGE IN POONA

By PAULINE WALTON

Bombay. PLASMA from animal bones may soon save thousands of lives in India. The world's largest producer of hides and skins, India has a vast surplus of animal bones which has been largely unused, and new ways of extracting plasma from them are being tried out in Poona's National Chemical Laboratory.

Scientists are confident that the animal-bone plasma will soon serve as an effective substitute for human blood, or which is hospital in the East has enough, in spite of the fact that any donor can get 15s. a pint for his or her blood.

The animal-bone plasma scheme is only one of Poona's many new projects. Since independence, the National Laboratories have been established in India. Poona (opened in 1950) is the largest. Under the guidance of its English Director, Professor George O. Finlay, FRS, the all-Indian staff works to speed industrialisation, to make the maximum use of the country's almost limitless natural resources, and to the all-possible waste products.

MOST URGENT A 350 million population of about 350 million—believed to be increasing by at least one million a year, India's most urgent problem is better food production. Her land is impoverished by thousands of years of intensive cultivation of the topsoil. Animal manure is used as fuel and for ploughing, so chemical fertilisers are a prime need.

The National Chemical Laboratory has successfully experimented with a new fertiliser, nicotine sulphate, made from waste tobacco, of which India is the world's second largest producer. This is now being manufactured commercially at low cost, and is being tried out in South India. Several State-owned fertiliser factories will be set up under the Second Five Year Plan.

Pledged to a policy of prohibition, it is not yet enforced throughout the country—India's vast tonnage of alcohol from surplus molasses. Experiments are being made to use it in the production of chemical products.

of chemicals and plastics. In some States, power alcohol is now being mixed with motor fuel.

Meanwhile, new uses for edible oils—mustard, coconut and groundnut—are being sought. For the first time, too, non-edible oils are being tested. A perfect air-drying varnish has been made at Poona from the oil of the kamala seed, until now not even considered worth collecting.

## SIDE BY SIDE

The National Chemical Laboratory offers a Conservation Service to industry. Over 4,000 industrial queries have already been answered. Engineers and others with only a small amount of capital who wish to start a cottage-scale industry are given free training and advice. These cottage industries, ranging from the making of metal parts to weaving and home soap manufacture, are a great feature of life in India. Many farmers who cannot make a sufficient living from the land take up one with their families' help to supplement their income. Cottage industries are encouraged by the government to develop side by side with vast industrial schemes.

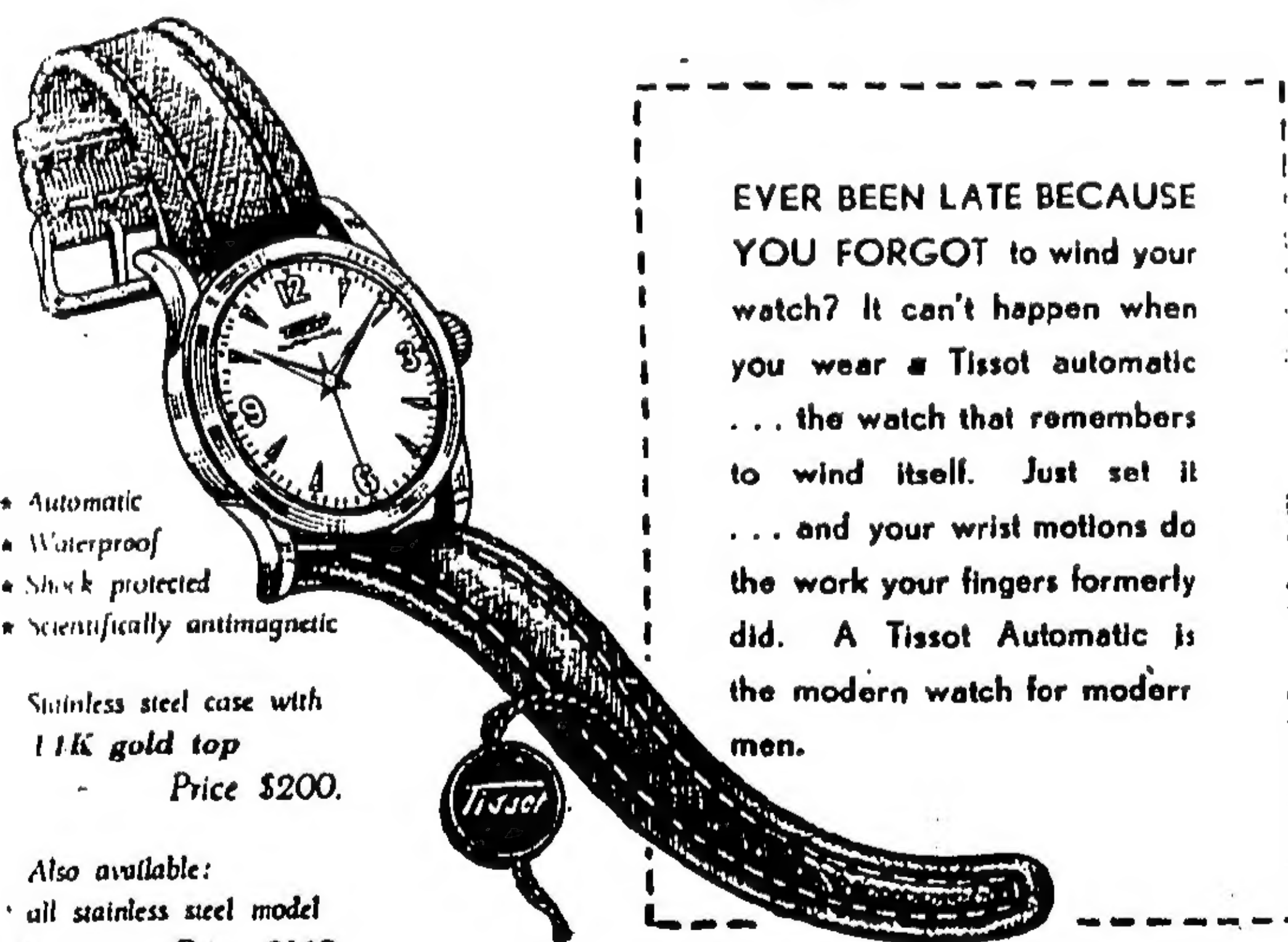
The Laboratory has a highly radioactive tracer in India, obtained from Harwell. Research in this department is confined entirely to the peaceful use of atomic energy. India has her own radioactive resources, and needs to import only some of the materials used in the construction of plants. During the next few years, atomic energy will be developed to revolutionise Indian life.

## AN EXAMPLE

Over 150 scientists, men and women, work at Poona. The total staff strength is 450, and the four-storey laboratory is as perfectly equipped as any in the world, with a library of over 25,000 volumes, 500 scientific journals, and many more hundreds of text books available on microcards.

With a 475-acre housing estate, with attractive flats and bungalows for its workers, its own primary school, dairy, vegetable and fruit farm and co-operative store, the Laboratory is the heart of an independent township. Set among the hills, now fresh green, and gardens rich with monsoon-tossed flowers, it is an inspiring example of the way India is tackling her scientific problems.

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## WEEK-END SOFTBALL

# Braves Consolidate Their Grip On Top Rung In The Pennant Ladder

By "TIME OUT"

Buster Hollands' youthful Blackhaws, in a slugging softball duel against South China yesterday, emerged on the long end of an 11-8 count to push the Carolinians down to fourth position in the red-hot Senior "A" Pennant chase.

Consolidating their tight grasp on the top rung of the Pennant ladder, Ed Carvalho's League-leading Braves trounced a hard-fighting Warrior outfit 10-6 in a morning tussle while Jindo Hussain's Saint Joseph's was seen crawling into the runner-up slot when they blasted the Pandas with a shocking 23-4 score.

On the staff side, the young Capanda lasses, batted through with six runs, to the sixth frame to capture a neat 11-7 triumph from the League-leading Wahos, causing one more a two-way tie for top honours between the Owls and the Nam Wah girls.

In the only other ladies' game played, the comely Colleen girls easily accounted for the cellar-dwelling Tai Tung scholars, as they took the schoolgirls to town with a convincing 27-0 trouncing.

## UNDISPUTED

The Junior League P. I. Dodgers claimed undisputed possession of the minor league flag when they beat the Seminoles 12-5 to increase their long string of victories to 13-straight, which leaves them the only unbeaten team in all four divisions this year.

Splitting a two-way tie, Jindo Hussain's youthful Seminoles avenged their Saturday defeat at the hands of the champion Dodgers by walloping the weekly Lion Cubs 11-4 in yesterday's curtain-raiser. The Chinese Athletics' batsmen had to be satisfied with a runner-up berth with a win over Wah Yung as they are two games behind the leading Dodgers who have only one game left to complete their schedule.

With a bare minimum of nine men, Buster Hollands' Blackhaws pounded out a telling 11-8 victory over the second placed South China squad to pull themselves into a three-way tie for third.

Eric Remedios started the ball rolling for the Hawks in the initial canto with a smash through second after one out. Gracia flew out and Gerry

when, with bases loaded, he speared B. Cheng's drive and whipped the sphere to third to nip W. K. Wan off base.

## BRAVES 10, WARRIORS 6

Turning out a poor sample of his usually steady form, "Goose" Wong of the Warriors dished out nine free passes to first to see the leading Braves score in every inning but the fifth to win 10-6. Though they out-hit their mighty opponents 9-7, Eddie Marques' Warriors had to take a back seat in their key struggle with the Braves as their star hurler Wong came across "one of those days" to yield nine earned runs.

The Warriors opened in tip-top fashion as a single and two successive doubles saw two quick runs being chalked up. After two outs, two more successive bingles by Terry Ewins and Miguel Ferras put another tally across the pan. George Ribeiro walked to fill the bases, but Wong, shut up, stirred the breeze neatly to retire the side.

Adding insult to injury, Wong at his job on the mound walked the first four Brave batters to face him. Southpaw slugger Budji Dhabar then rifled a smash along and over the third base line for a single but out-felder Jimmy Chang muffed it on the pick up and when it was finally corralled four runs had scored, including Dhabar.

While the Warriors kept the scoresheet clean in the following innings the Braves inched ahead with a run each in the second and third and sixth to lead 10-4.

The seventh saw a desperate last-ditch attempt by the Warriors after two outs, as Joey Reis got on through a fumble and scored on Hank Killeen's triple to left. Russ Meyer singled to score Killeen and Ewins on his second hit, of the day, placed runners on first and second. The rally died just as fast as it started when Miguel Ferras poked out a teeble fly to retire the side.

Dickie Chaves of the Braves claimed batting honours with a neat three-in-three effort while pacing him for the Warrior side was Russ Meyer, who belted and hit in his four trips to the plate, including a home run in the fifth inning.

## WAHOOS LOSE

The ladies' tussle between the champion Wahos and the young Capanda femmes certainly turned out to be a thrilling-packed battle as this "touch-and-go" affair saw the lead changing hands several times during the game, until the sixth inning saw the Capandas crash through with six runs to put the game on ice.

During the bottom half of the sixth on the long end of a 5-3 count, the Capanda girls blended three hits with six disastrous Wahoo errors to crash through with six runs, including a two-run homer by left fielder Shirley Cheng.

The Wahos fought back gamely in their last stand, Alonzo and Silva "dinging" in succession, Alonzo scoring. Tracy Brown grounded out and Evelyn Cotton homered for two more runs. A melee of five errors after the second out pushed another tally home, but Therese Roza Pereira failed to connect in the "clutch" and was thrown out at first to see the Owls lose their second game this year and thus tie with South China in the top spot.

## LEAGUE STANDINGS

Senior "A"			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Braves	4	1	.800
Saint Joseph's	4	2	.667
Blackhaws	3	3	.500
South China	2	2	.500
Warriors	4	4	.500
Pandas	3	4	.429
CAA	1	5	.167
Senior "B"			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Delaware	5	1	.833
Hurricanes	4	3	.571
Comets	2	4	.333
University	1	4	.200
Ladies League			
Team	W	L	Pct.
South China	7	2	.777
Wahos	7	3	.700
Capandas	6	4	.600
Colleen	4	5	.444
Tai Tung	0	10	.000
Junior League			
Team	W	L	Pct.
PI Dodgers	13	0	1.000
CAA	11	2	.846
Seminole	11	3	.786
Eagles	6	0	.600
Wah Yung	6	0	.600
Lion Cubs	4	10	.286
Overseas	3	11	.214
Tai Tung	0	23	.000

## Not Possible To Hold All-German Athletic Meet

East Germany Athletic officials today rejected a proposal by the West German Federation that All-German Athletic Championships should be held this year.

They declared at a joint meeting here that it would not be possible to make preparations on Saturday, KCC Home in time. — Reuters.

## ONE OF THE FOUR GOALS



With the Sing Tao custodian, Yue Yui-tak, helplessly on his knees, this picture goal of the boots of Army's centre-forward Morris had Yue beaten completely. This goal was one of the four scored by Morris in yesterday's First Division League match at the Club ground. The Army won 4-1. — China Mail Photo.

## New Zealand On Even Terms With France In Three Match Series

Lyons, Jan. 15.

The touring New Zealand Rugby League side beat France by 31 points (seven tries, four goals and one penalty goal) to 22 (six tries, one goal and one penalty goal) here today to draw level in the three match series. The tourists led 12-11 at halftime.

France won the First Test 24-7 at Toulouse. A crowd of 7,000 saw today's match, played in misty conditions on a ground softened by recent rain.

French winger Gilbert Savonne scored a try after six minutes, and two minutes later Richard Haggie replied with a penalty goal for the Kiwis. Delapoux touched down for France in the 20th minute, but a try by front-row forward Henry Maxwell, from which Haggie kicked a goal, put New Zealand ahead 7-6.

## SECOND TRY

In the 31st minute Gilbert Alberti sent Savonne over for his second try. A New Zealand try by Ian Grey, goaled by Haggie, and a penalty goal for France by Gilbert Benausse took the score to 12-11 in favour of the Kiwis at halftime.

Play again swung from end to end after the interval and within 10 minutes Rex Percy (New Zealand) and Jean Rouquieol (France) each scored a try.

A try by Grey, goaled by Haggie, and another by Thomas Baxter gave New Zealand a 23-14 lead.

France came back into the picture with a try scored by Jacques Marquet, from which Benausse kicked an easy goal.

Forward John Butterfield (New Zealand) and French fullback Louis Poletti added further tries. Maxwell crossed for the last try of the game.

## Inter-School Football Results

Following are the results of school football matches played yesterday.

Senior			
La Salle	4	Aberdeen	2
Clement	2	King's	0
Queen's	5	St Louis	0
Wah Yung	4	SFX	1
KGW	2	Pool Sun	1
St Stephen's	0	St Joseph's	5
Wah Yan	0	Wah Yan	5
Intermediate			
La Salle	0	Salcians	0
Clement	0	SFX	6
Yat Yung HK	0	St Joseph's	0
Junior Tech	3	Queen's	0
Wanchai	0	King's	0
Tak Yan	1	St Louis	3
Junior			
Wanchai	1	St Mark's	0
St Joseph's	0	HK	0
Junior Tech	1	Kin	7
St Louis	0	St Louis	4
Munsang	5	KGW	1

## HKFA Meeting

An emergency meeting of the Interport Sub-Committee will be held at the Association's office, Sports Road, Happy Valley, today at 5.30 p.m. to consider and decide whether or not to postpone the first game of the Australian Team Series from Wednesday, January 18 to Thursday, January 19 in view of the late arrival of the Australian team.

## SPORTS ROUND-UP

## John Landy Hopes To Compete In This Year's Olympic Games

John Landy, Australian holder of the World Mile record, hopes to compete in this year's Olympic Games. In a recent half mile run in Melbourne after a 13-month retirement, Landy came second to Lon Spurrier, America's World half-mile record holder. Both broke the tape together and clocked the same time—1 min. 51.8 sec.

Brian Hewson, Britain's young four-minute Miller, may have to cancel his plans to run in the American Indoor Championships before going to the West Indies next month. A jarred calf muscle has put his training behind schedule.

Jack Gardner will, after all, fight before he meets Don Cockell for the latter's British and Empire Heavyweight titles on April 24. When promoter Jack Solomon had his request for such a fight approved by the British Boxing Board of Control, Gardner was quoted as saying he took a dim view of the matter.

But he has since changed his mind, and says his eyes, damaged in the controversial fight with Killion Lave, of the Tonga Isles, will have recovered in time for him to have a bout in mid March.

Mrs. Margaret Dupont, captain of the USA Wightman Cup team for the past two years will not be coming to England with the team in June. Mrs. Dupont has decided that her three-year-old son Billy is too young to make the trip, and she does not want to leave him for six weeks.

Eddie Firmani, the 23-year-old inside forward transferred from Charlton Athletic to Italian club Sampdoria for £25,000 in the close season has said in Genoa that he will never give up his British nationality.

## BADMINTON

Following is the programme for the badminton matches between Hongkong and the visiting Thailand Unity Badminton team for today and tomorrow to be played at Craighower Cricket Club at 7.30 p.m. each evening.

## TODAY

Ladies Singles	
Miss Prathong Pattapong v Miss Sielle Corrae	Man's Singles
Charoen Sae Tao v S. K. Wong	Mixed Doubles
Mrs Rumpal Ribal v Dink Khajadhye v Ramon Young or W. Y. Foo and Miss Cyndie Ho.	Man's Doubles
Kamol Sutvut and Sunthorn Suphaphum v Robert Tay and K. C. Wong	Ladies Doubles
Miss Prathong Pattapong and Mrs Rumpal Ribal v Miss Ulan Khoo and Miss Helen Kwong.	Man's Doubles
Miss P. Pattapong v Miss Diana Yung	Man's Doubles
Mrs P. Pattapong v Miss Diana Yung	Man's Doubles
Mrs P. Pattapong v Miss Diana Yung	Man's Doubles

## TOMORROW

Ladies Singles	
Miss P. Pattapong v Miss Sielle Corrae	Man's Singles
Charoen Sae Tao v S. K. Wong	Mixed Doubles
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Mrs P. Pattapong v Miss Diana Yung	Man's Doubles

## Scotland Wins

Mullingar, Ireland, Jan. 15. Scotland beat Ireland by five goals to four in an amateur international boxing match here tonight. — China Mail Special.

## LAND FORCES BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

### Every Possibility That McMenamie-Dinning Bout Will Steal The Show

By OUR BOXING REPORTER

One of the most important events of the Colony boxing season will take place at the Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre, Kowloon, this evening when the Army stages the finals of the Land Forces Individual Championships.

Every weight from Fly to Heavy will be keenly contested and in addition there will be at least two special bouts of exceptional interest. The full programme is as follows:

## Flyweight

Gnr Flanagan (27 HAA Regt) vs Gnr Donnelly (27 HAA Regt).

## Bantamweight

Bdr Carrington (42 Fd Regt) vs Spr Chan Shu-sum (82 Ind Sqn RE).

## Featherweight

Sgt Hilton (N Staffs) vs Gnr Fidler (27 HAA Regt).

## Lightweight

L/Cpl Melch (N Staffs) vs Pte Tilson (King's Own).

## Lightweight welterweight

Cfn Leighton (Dls Wahpa) vs Pte Gilson (Kings Own).

## Welterweight

Bdr Ledsham (74 LAA Regt) vs Cpl Nolan (Northampton).

## Light Middleweight

L/Bdr Dickinson (19 Fd Regt) vs Lt Chaffey (N Staffs).

## Middleweight

Gnr Davis (42 Fd Regt) vs Pte Allison (Dls Wahpa).

## Light Heavyweight

Cfn Benton (all N Staffs) vs Pte Johnson (Northampton).

## Heavyweight

Cpl Bowen (N Staffs) vs Gnr Eltheridge (27 HAA Regt).

## SPECIAL CONTESTS

Lt Wellerweight (Scottish Champion) vs Cpl Carey (N Staffs) (Hongkong Champion).

## Middleweight

Gnr McMenamie (74 LAA Regt) vs Cfn Dinning (Dls Wahpa) (South - East Asia Champion).

In spite of the tremendous interest that will undoubtedly be shown in the Championship finals there is every possibility that the McMenamie-Dinning match will steal the show.

Dinning—considered by many to be very unlucky in being disqualified on Friday when he aimed an upper-cut at a rising target—is by far the most popular European boxer in the Colony at the present time.

A few weeks ago when not as fit as he would have liked he took on McMenamie at short notice and won very quickly that his fellow Scot was a boxer of real ability, so much so, that at the end of three hard-fought rounds the verdict went to McMenamie. Both boxers have since been looking forward to a return and this one gives promise to being one long thrill. The whole bill is, however, something of a promoter's dream. There are great possibilities in every bout and there is almost certain to be a big crowd on hand to see the modern gladiators in action. Ringside seats are priced at \$0 and \$3 and it is understood that some will be available for sale at the door. Admission to the unreserved portions of the arena costs \$2 and \$1 and it will be very much a case of first come first served... so be warned... be early.

## Japanese Girl Scores Second Billiard Win

Manila, Jan. 16. Miss Noriko Katsura of Japan last night scored her second consecutive victory in a billiard exhibition match against M. Wenceslao of the Philippines 200-55 with high runs of 84 and 78.

Katsura, along with K. Miyaguchi and C. Hilbo, are at present making an exhibition tour here against Philippine billiard players.

Miyaguchi in a three cushion match defeated Mario Gomez 30-10.

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# SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

## PROFILE OF AN INDUSTRIALIST Mr George Edwards: Led Design Team Of Vickers Viscount

At 47, He Is Chief Of One Of Britain's Biggest Aircraft Companies  
 By Brian Bromwich



Mr George Edwards, who, at 47, is one of the heads of the Vickers Group of companies and one of Britain's leading aircraft designers.

IN the past few years Britain's aircraft industry has begun to find its peace-time feet, not only as the main supplier of defence equipment but also in a new role—that of a major commercial industry.

The spearhead of that attack, quite clearly, is the Vickers Viscount medium range airliner, the first in the world to be powered by a "turbo-prop" engine—a gas turbine driving a propeller. With a well proved record of two and a half years in service, with orders running near the 250 mark and production full up to late in 1957, there can be little disputing the Viscount's success.

Probably few men have ever publicly become so closely identified with an aircraft as George Edwards, the designer of the Viscount—or as he would prefer it, the man who led the design team which developed the Viscount. He recently reached a high point in his career when he was appointed a director of Vickers Ltd., the massive industrial combine of which the Vickers-Armstrongs (Aircraft) Ltd. is an increasingly important part.

Although it is undoubtedly the best-known aircraft, the Viscount is by no means the whole of the Edwards story. It is only the most glowing chapter in a story of personal success that has established Edwards as one of the most able men in the British aircraft industry, a thinker who is one of its most effective spokesmen, besides being a brilliant engineer whose work is exerting a substantial influence on its progress.

### Draughtsman

GEORGE Edwards joined Vickers-Armstrongs as a draughtsman in 1935, when he was 27. Five years later, with the war at its worst moment in 1940, and the Royal Air Force crying out for the bombers that Vickers was struggling to produce, Edwards was appointed Experimental Works Manager, with the thankless and nerve-racking job of continuing to modify the bomber design as new requirements came up and as improvements became necessary.

All through the war he held this post, working under a pressure which in peace-time is great and in war can be unbearable. Edwards emerged in 1945 with his prestige high, high enough to take him into the office of Chief Designer at 37.

Edwards lost no time in establishing himself in the designer's chair. Britain after the war was hungry for civil airliners, and was hurriedly attempting to re-establish civil air transport using converted bombers for the job. Edwards' answer was a rapidly designed and produced medium-range airliner—the Viking. Britain's first post-war design. The design was completed in 1945 and by September 1946 the first Vikings were in service.

By this time, however, Edwards was well along the road in designing an airliner that would use for its power this new medium of the gas-turbine engine—a medium which most

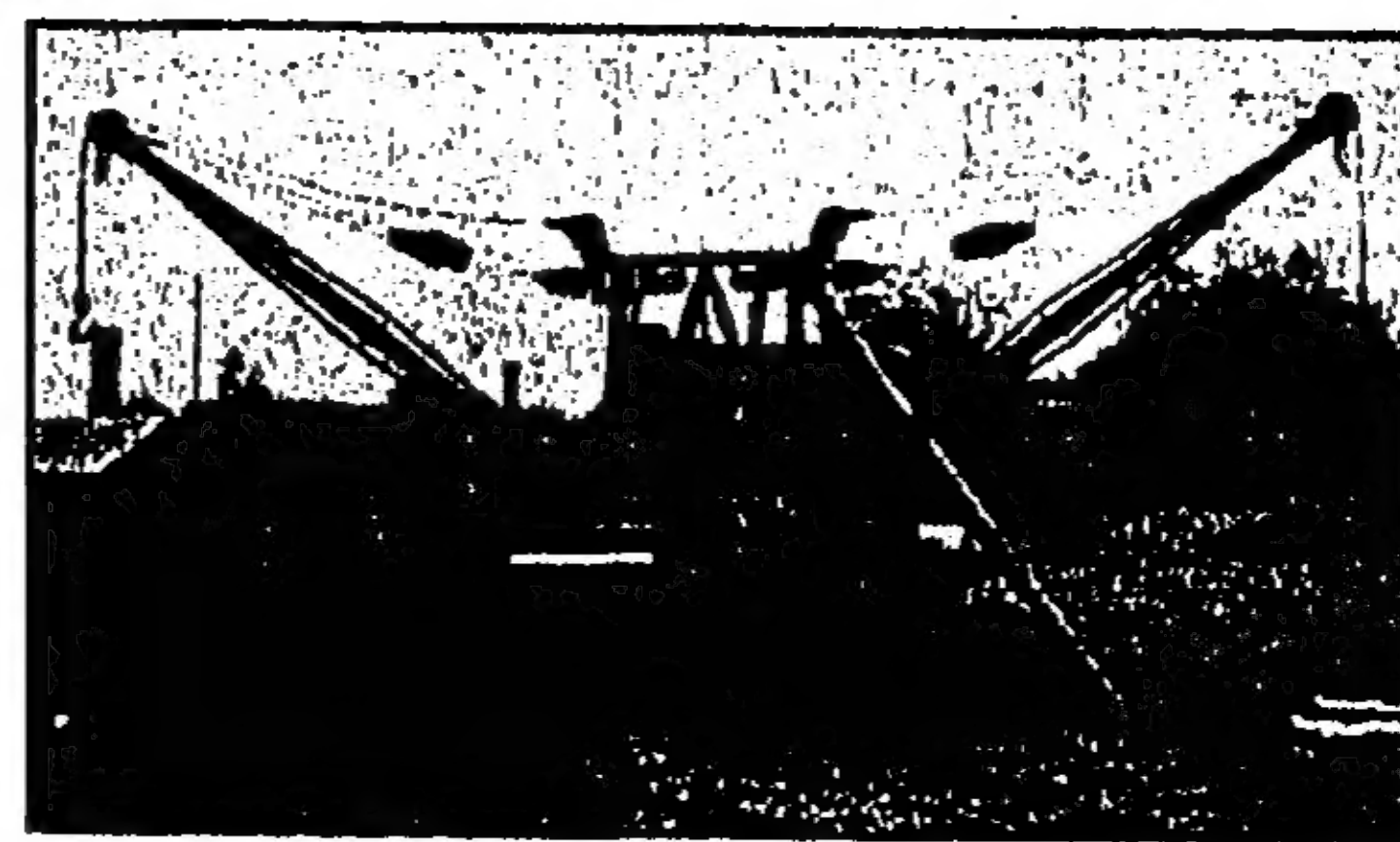
But it was Edwards who took the proposal and turned it into a passenger airliner; he, more than any, who after years of designing and developing brought the project to fruition.

In 1953 Edwards was appointed General Manager, and in the same year he became Managing Director of the entire Vickers-Armstrongs aircraft company. Thus he became responsible for the lighter aircraft firm of Supermarine, as well as for the development and production of his own designs which by then included the Viscount, the Valiant four-jet bomber, and the V.1000 long-range four-jet transport.

### Characteristic

THE outstanding Edwards characteristic is deliberation, and it is clear to anyone who hears him speak. This deliberation has stamped the Viscount and indeed the Edwards success story all along. This same deliberation can be seen now behind the Vickers civil aircraft programme—a programme that gives the answer to Edwards' critics who have all-in-all looked at the Viscount as a never-to-be-repeated opportunity.

Edwards has seen it as the start of a line of development. For with the foothold gained by the Viscount, he is preparing a full-scale attack on the civil aircraft market with a family of turbo-prop airliners to suit all requirements. The plan of campaign extends far beyond 1960.



Twin-jib breakdown vehicle with unusually powerful winching capacity. Designed primarily for off-road work, it also has many other heavy-duty applications. Designed and made by M. O. Harper Limited, 19, Commercial Road, Guildford, Surrey, England.

## Powerful Twin-Jib Breakdown Vehicle

BREAKDOWN vehicles with powerful winching capacity have been specially designed and made for off-road operation, but many, of course, are applied to many other types of heavy duty. They are by M. O. Harper Limited, 19, Commercial Road, Guildford, Surrey, England.

The basic vehicle is six-wheeled, six-wheel drive Scammell "Constructors" fitted, as is usual on off-road trucks, with Derington Model 70 winches behind the cabs.

The new equipment consists of a power-driven crane with twin jibs and a specially designed all-steel body.

### Power Take-Off

Power for the crane, which is taken from a power take-off on the truck gearbox, drives two clutch-operated reversing gearboxes each of which is connected to a 10,000-pound (4,536 kilograms) winch.

The reversing boxes and the winches are built into the crane structure, one winch for each jib.

## BAGDAD WILL BE FREED FROM FLOOD MENACE

### Rivers Control Project

To Be Completed By March 1

Bagdad, a number of towns and hundreds of villages situated on the banks of the Tigris river and threatened each year by floods, will be safe when the Wadi Tharthar project is completed.

Completion is scheduled for March 1, 1956. From time immemorial, the twin rivers, Tigris and Euphrates, swollen by spring rains and melting snow from the Turkish, Syrian, Iraqi and Iranian mountains, have overflowed their banks and inundated the Iraqi countryside, causing damage to crops, destroying livestock and imperilling human life.

The first, and main, part of the Wadi Tharthar, the barrage, has been already completed. A concrete structure about 320 feet long and about 200 feet wide, the barrage has 17 vents, each about 30 feet wide with 6-ton electrically operated sluice gates.

The barrage is designed to raise the water level from 200 feet (ordinary flood level) to 224 feet in order to divert more than half the quantity of flood waters to the Tharthar depression-lake. It will have a discharge capacity of 8,350 tons of water per second, although the normal discharge need not exceed half that amount adequately to meet downstream requirements.

A similar embankment of compacted earth with a steel-plate cut-off, reaching down to the impermeous stratum, is being built now and will join the barrage to a concrete regulator designed to control the discharge of flood waters through an escape channel to the Tharthar depression.

The regulator, which is 1,028 feet long has 36 vents and 36-foot sluice gates bridged by parallel bridges of reinforced concrete, one to carry the road-

Work on the barrage, the escape channel and the protective embankment, which stretches for 42 miles from the regulator to the Wadi Tharthar Depression, began early in 1952. To date it has provided employment for over 100 foreign technicians and engineers and more than 1,000 Iraqis.

The actual site of the project is difficult to pinpoint accurately because it is spread over a large area. The main centre from which the work is being carried out is Samarra, an historic Arab city founded by the Caliph al-Mutawakkil over 1,000 years ago as capital of the Islamic Empire. A large part of the project is situated on the opposite bank of the river to the city, within sight of the golden dome of Samarra's famous mosque.

The cost of the project is estimated at 9,000,000 Iraq dinars (1 Iraq dinar equals £1 sterling) with an extra 6,000,000 Iraq dinars for the channel—China Mail Special.

## Molten Metal Into Zinc Ingots

THE continuous casting of ingots of aluminium, copper, brass, bronze and lead has, of course, been brought to a high pitch of perfection. Similarly, the continuous casting of ingots of special quality iron and pig iron (once considered only possible where outputs were sufficiently high to justify the large traditional forms of pig casting machines found in steelworks) has also been successfully evolved.

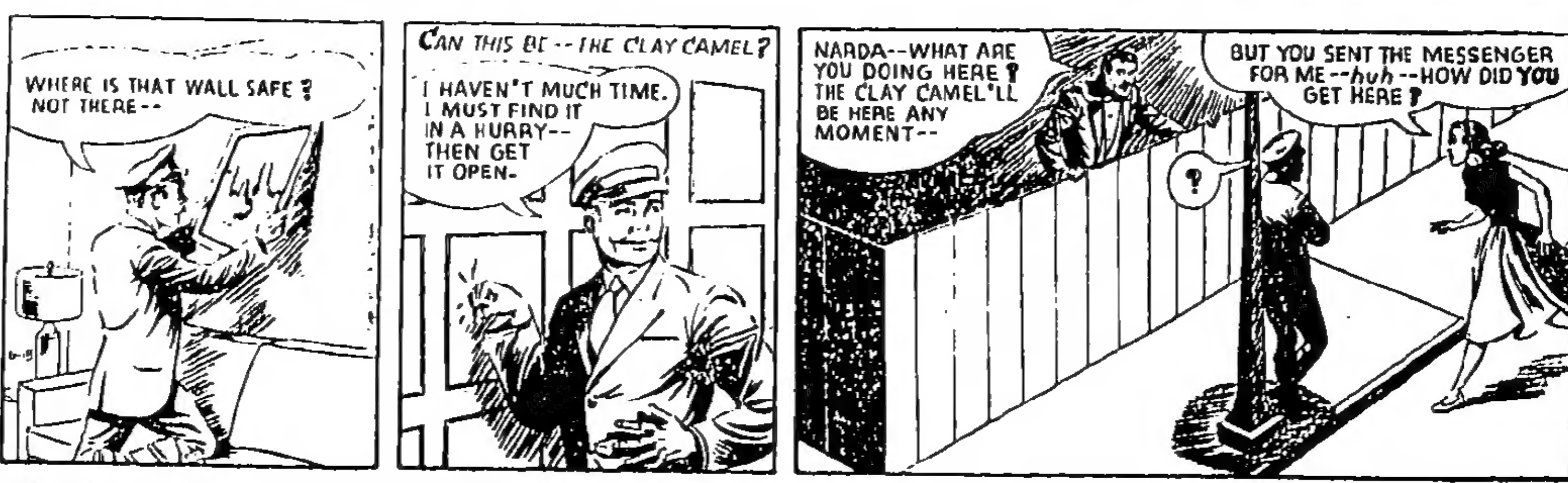
In the production of zinc slabs, however, there arose an interesting problem which until recently could not be solved by mechanical means. With zinc it is essential that the surface of the slab shall be of uniform quality and free of ripple and shudder marks; large zinc producers refrained from mechanical production because they found that normal drives were unable to produce the smooth transmission which is required. Now the firm of Sheppard and Sons Ltd, Bridgend, Glamorgan, South Wales, is making a booster driven machine which satisfactorily overcomes this problem of the continuous casting of zinc ingots.

### Normal Head

With the normal drive head of link mechanisms, chordal action occurs to some extent, and it is this action which causes the ingot surface to ripple. The new machine, which overcomes this condition, comprises a drive unit mounted beneath the machine on a separate foundation; a caterpillar drive engages the returning empty guide chain by a series of uniformly-pitched steel dogs, so arranged and mounted on the caterpillar chain as to transmit only uniform horizontal motion to the main mould chain.

### MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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### JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



...this situation calls for a  
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# Optimism In US Economy

## Against Luxury Goods

U. S. dollar (per \$10)	5.84
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.68
Australian notes (per £1)	12.20
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	18.10
Siam Baht (per 100)	26.50
Japanese Yen (per 100)	1.01

## Cotton Goods Sellers Return To Market

early Feb., when buyers should be coming in for substantial second quarter coverage.

Despite the recent lull in prices, however, mill sources report a robust order backlog. End-November orders on hand approximated \$30,000,000 yards.

In rayon grey goods, dealers reported a light and spotty demand. Buyers have been slow to take hold in the New York because of the recent lull in finished goods, but some observers are confident that the need for grey goods has grown substantially. —United Press.

# Despite Setbacks

## GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND NEW CONSTRUCTION SHOULD OFFSET DECLINES

Auto makers got off to a slow start this year amidst predictions that the production rate over the next few weeks will be lower than that a year ago. Stocks on hand are at peak levels and appear to be outstripping sales.

A pessimistic note was added last week by Henry Ford II

### Great Demand

Ford of course, would like to get its stock as widely distributed as possible, as stockholders always make good potential customers.

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## Co-Operation

### In Asia

The American Iron and Steel Institute in a preliminary estimate said that American pigmeltners turned out 117,000,000 net tons of steel during 1955—highest on record.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co. reported improved earnings for the fourth quarter of 1955 and for the whole year. The company's quarterly earnings increased to \$2.79 per share in the last quarter, up from \$2.69 in the like 1954 period. For 1955, the company earned \$10.77 against \$10.41 in 1954.

Meanwhile, Ford Motors Co. and Reynolds Metals Co. announced agreement on what is described as one of the largest aluminium orders in the history of the industry. The two industrial giants signed a contract under which Ford Motors Co. will buy over 640 million pounds of aluminium over the next ten years.—United Press.

# Malayan Bauxite For Canada

The spokesman for Ramun Limited said that theme of the auxiliary ore will be sent Japan for processing which will cut down the shipping costs to half.—United Press.

# Economic Co-Operation In Asia

Premier Nikola Bulgintsev and Communist party leader Niko Khurshov's visit to India and Burma, on Asian countries as a whole will be another topic, was said.

Foreign Minister Mamon Shigeniev was scheduled at the opening of the conference at ten a.m. on Monday to explain the government's policy.

Monday afternoon and Tuesday will be devoted to a discussion of the various problems. Expansion of the various offices overseas will be discussed.

# MALAYAN RUBBER EXPORTS

Japan maintained her place as the fifth best customer with 3,359 tons. Other purchases in the top 10 include Italy 53,200 tons, Australia 40,495, and Canada 35,584 tons.—United Press.

# US Potential Demand For Nickel

all industry groups for 1988 expected to be substantially higher than the 1988 consumption rate," the review stated. **Reuter.**

**Bagdad, Jan. 15.**  
Iraq and West Germany agreed today to extend their 1951 trade and economic agreement for another year. It is officially understood.

West Germany also informed Iraq officially of its decision to exempt all imports of Iraqi dates from customs and any other duties from December 13, 1955.

Britain was the first country to exempt Iraqi dates from customs duties.

*Continued*

**HONGKONG  
STOCK  
EXCHANGE**

—United Press

# New York Stocks Decline In First Week

## No London Stock Report

The London stock market report was not received this morning.

# OIL FOR DECADES TO COME

Involved will be not only development work on new fields, but also the enlargement of tanker fleets, refineries, pipelines and all the complex machinery of the industry. Expenditure on such capital projects will run to an estimated

money out of its own earnings. With taxation consistently increasing, the problem of financing its projects will become more and more urgent. Nevertheless, the oilmen can foresee no factor, other than world war, which could cause an oil famine.—London Express Service.

## US RAW COTTON EXPORTS

Britain .....	56,144
Continent .....	216,200
Orient .....	452,000
Canada .....	60,422
Total for season* .....	785,455
Same period last year* ..	1,720,200
*excluding liners.	

—United Press.

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**Type-Cast**

SOMEONE with a flair for type-casting must have placed Judy, when she joined the store as a salesgirl. Someone who recognised the fragile quality in the 19-year-old's rare beauty.

The obvious thing to have done would have been to put her behind a counter where cosmetics could hardly be faulted; or to set her to work selling clothes, for she wore her own so well.

More subtly, she was chosen to work in the china department, among pottery and porcelain and glass, fragile pieces whose delicate beauty Judy's appearance among them could only enhance.

**WATCHING**  
It was in the spring of this year that Judy joined the store, and her progress, the way that she picked up the tricks of the trade, developed the right sales technique, were watched with pleasure by those whose business it was to run the department.

Then one day recently, they began to watch Judy for another reason.

For Judy was seen to sell some glasses marked at 25s. 6d. to her till, and ring up only the odd 5s. 6d.

Next morning, unobtrusively moving about the department was the store's chief security officer. He appeared to look everywhere but towards Judy; in fact, he hardly ever let her out of his sight.

**AT THE TILL**  
HE saw her, at 10.17 by his watch, serve a customer with goods priced at 17s. 6d. She put only 7s. 6d. in the till. At 10.30, Judy made another sale of 16s. 6d. She kept 10s. of the money she was handed. The security man had seen enough.

At Clerkenwell court, next morning, Judy pleaded guilty to three charges of embezzlement, total sum involved, £2. She asked that other matters might be taken into consideration, the embezzlement of a further sum of 22s. 6d., during the three preceding weeks.

"How was this sum arrived at?" the magistrate, Mr. T. F. Davis, asked.

**7S. 6D. A WEEK**  
"This girl told the police," said the solicitor for the store, "that she thought she must have taken about 7s. 6d. a week in each of the last three weeks."

"Yet, on two successive days she was seen to take £1. . . ."

"We can only accept what she tells us."

"You can listen to what she tells you. You don't have to accept it," said the magistrate. "Quite, sir." The solicitor called upon the police to tell what was known of Judy's history. "She lives with her parents and a younger sister, at . . ."

**TOO FAR**  
"WHAT have you got to say?" the magistrate asked Judy.

She stared for a moment at the magistrate, then demurely lowered her sweeping dark eyelashes over her big, scared eyes. She said nothing.

"Well, I suppose you're right," said the magistrate. "There isn't much to be said for such dishonesty. But this has gone a bit too far. I shall have to consider this. You will be remanded in custody for a week."

Slowly, with a jerk, she moved. Judy picked up her handbag, and turned, and left the dock, treading with the utmost delicacy, the first few yards of the journey to the austere cell in Holloway.

**OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER**

**A Regrettable Public Controversy**

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Jan. 10.  
One of the most regrettable public controversies in recent years is that between a country magistrate and the State Attorney-General Mr Sheahan.

The clash began in Adelung Court on November 25 when the Magistrate, Mr Finlay, was to have heard a negligent driving charge. He was told that the Attorney-General had called for the papers in the case.

Mr Finlay is reported to have "expressed his contempt for this kind of action". Mr Sheahan then accused the magistrate of having "indulged in a tantrum of bad taste and bad judgment."

On December 21, in Tumut Court, Mr Finlay, said a speeding charge against a nephew of Mr Sheahan had been withdrawn. Mr Sheahan later admitted having made representations on behalf of his nephew.

Next shot was fired when Mr Finlay was brought before the Public Service Board and censured.

This has only caused Mr Finlay to snort and announce that the Public Service Board had no power to tell him what to do.

The debate has been carried on in editorials throughout the country and in dozens of letters to newspapers each day and although Mr Finlay may have been maddened by the PSB there is no doubt that the public is with him. There is also little doubt that in future Mr Sheahan's deplores — he says he has 200 of them in his electorate — will need to go cautiously for there is little hope of the old uncle coming to the rescue.

**GAMBLERS ALL**

One way and the other NSW people spent a lot of money in 1955 trying to get rich. They poured £11,478,513 into the State Lottery record — into 335 lotteries (which is just about one every working day of the year) for a return of £7,354,610 in prize money.

In the two weeks preceding Christmas total income was £542,715, which indicates that quite a number of people were hoping for a little extra holiday cash.

It can be remarked at this stage that we helped substantially to make up the difference between the £7 million paid out and the £11 million paid in.

**NO QUICK ACTION**

Police Commissioner Col Delaney has appointed a police traffic committee to consider the early introduction of a ticket system for traffic offences.

The idea is along lines of the Canadian system where the cop issues a ticket on the spot (no doubt with a few well chosen words) and you pay the fine into the nearest court within so many days or you disregard the ticket and wait until your case is called before court.

There is not the slightest doubt that the majority of the getting the agony over the ticket, but it is unlikely that anything will come of the scheme for the time being at least.

Quite a lot of big brass has already shot it full of holes claiming that it is a hit at our system of justice — which is a little difficult to follow.

**NEW QANTAS SERVICE**

From March 2 an Australian businessman will be able to leave Sydney by air at the close of business on Friday, be in London on Sunday ready for business on Monday morning.

Qantas Empire Airways will introduce the new express service in which Super-Consolidators will do the Sydney-London hop in 54 hours. There will be fewer stoppages and no overnight halts.

Actual flying time will be 46 hours. The plane will leave Sydney at 8 p.m. each Friday arriving London 2.30 p.m. on Sunday.

There will be no cut rates — it will be an exclusively first class service.

**OLYMPICS DANGER**

There seems to be a grave danger that the forthcoming Olympic Games is going to develop into a running-swimming war between USA and Russia. There have been many pointers to this for some time.

**SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith**



"While you're fixing the tyre, we'll go over and sweat it out in the drugstore on the corner!"

**Libel Action Settled**

A claim for \$5,000 as damages for libel in respect of an article appearing in a vernacular newspaper over a year ago was settled before Judge J. Reynolds at the Victoria District Court this morning.

The plaintiffs were Chak Pak-lam, supervisor of the World Theatre, of 174 Des Voeux Road Central, and Tai Tai, licensee. They were represented by Mr M. E. Ives of Peter Mo and Co.

Defendants were the New Asia Printing Co., of 49-51 Gough Street, ground floor, (printers of the newspaper), and the Hongkong Commercial Daily, of 146 Connaught Road Central.

Plaintiffs alleged in their statement of claim that on the front page of the Hongkong Commercial Daily, dated November 16, 1954, defendants printed an article which was understood to mean that plaintiffs permitted in their theatre a performance of an indecent nature such as that which called for Police intervention; and that plaintiffs were so regardless of their obligations to the patrons of the theatre as to refuse a demand of any refund to them although the show was not carried through to its conclusion.

**PAID INTO COURT**

Plaintiffs claimed the contents of the article seriously injured their characters and reputations. When the case came up for hearing this morning, Mr Ives told the Court that a sum of money had been paid into Court by defendants and that plaintiffs were willing to accept that sum in settlement of the action.

In recording the settlement, His Honour ordered that the sum paid into Court be paid out to plaintiffs' solicitors.

By agreement on both sides, the Court ordered further that the plaintiffs should have costs of the action taxed, up to and including December 31, 1955 (the day on which the money was paid into Court), and that defendants should have costs of the action, taxed, as from that date.

**Attempt To Smuggle Watches**

Following seizure of 100 ladies' watches at Kai Tak airport last Saturday, Taul Bui, 28-year-old watch repairer was fined \$300 by Mr Derek Cons at Kowloon this morning when he pleaded guilty to attempting to export the watches without a licence.

The watches were ordered to be confiscated.

The prosecution said that between 2.15 p.m. and 2.45 p.m., revenue officers were examining passengers' baggage bound for Saigon at Kai Tak. One bag remained on the counter, and defendant, who was standing nearby admitted ownership. When asked whether he had anything to declare defendant said "No."

The watches were found in the centre of the bag covered by clothing and other articles.

**MR GOULD GOES ON HOME LEAVE**

The Senior Police Judge, Hon Mr Justice T. J. Gould left for United Kingdom on home leave this morning by CPA via Singapore.

He was accompanied by his wife and son.

**TODAY'S POLICE REPORTS**

The following official Police reports were issued this morning by the Government Public Relations Office:

**A three-year-old Chinese boy** was seriously injured at 4.10 p.m. yesterday when he ran across the roadway and was knocked down by a private motor car in Island Road, near the Aberdeen Theatre.

The boy was removed to Queen Mary Hospital. Serious injuries were also received by a 14-year-old Chinese boy in a collision with a private motor car in Castle Peak Road at 3.30 p.m. yesterday.

The accident occurred as the boy was running across the road. He is now detained in hospital.

**Seriously Injured**

A private motor car collided with a Chinese pedestrian in Nathan Road at its junction with Shantung Street at 7 a.m. yesterday.

The man sustained serious injuries and has been detained in hospital for treatment.

**Radio Hongkong**

6.15 p.m. Signal and Programme Summary: 6.00, Stock Market Report; 6.05, Programme for Children broadcast by Elizabeth (Studio); 6.30, Australian Music; 6.45, "Box 200" Bert Gillet at the Organ (OB); 6.55, Weather Report; 7.00, Signal and Programme Summary.

7.15, Interlude for Music with Cy Grant (BBC); 7.30, Two's Company; 7.45, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 7.55, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 8.00, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 8.15, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 8.30, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 8.45, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 9.00, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 9.15, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 9.30, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 9.45, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 10.00, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 10.15, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 10.30, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 10.45, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 11.00, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 11.15, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 11.30, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 11.45, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 12.00, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 12.15, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 12.30, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 12.45, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 1.00, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 1.15, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 1.30, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 1.45, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 2.00, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 2.15, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 2.30, "The Great Escape" (BBC); 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